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「灰色狼の末裔」に告ぐ。

近く夏至祭。我らは子孫を歓迎する――

新聞広告で謎のメッセージを目にしたウィクトリカは

一弥と共に母の故郷の山奥の村と向かう。

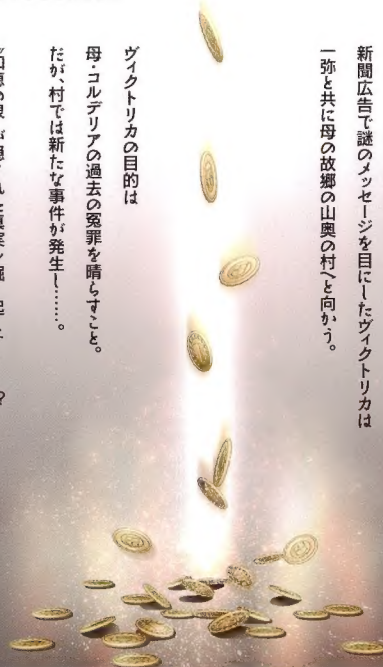
ウィクトリカの目的は

母・コルデリアの過去の冤罪を晴らすこと。

だが、村では新たな事件が発生し……。

「知恵の泉」が隠された真実を掘り起こす――!?

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A HUMAN
FACE IS
ENGRAVED
ONTO IT.

...OH?
WHAT IS
THIS?

SO
PRETTY...!

IT FELL
HERE AS
WELL!



BUT THIS
MANY...

GOBICK ゴシック 15

WHY---





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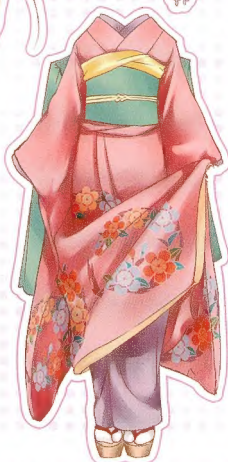


VICTORIQUE DE BLOIS IS THE GREY WOLF

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POUPÉE MANNEQUIN
Gosick
Jolie Poupée



IN ST MARGUERITA'S ACADEMY
WHERE THERE
ARE A LOT OF
GHOST STORY-
LOVING STUDENTS,
IT MIGHT JUST BE
ANOTHER RUMOR.

"VICTORIQUE DE
BLOIS IS THE
GREY WOLF."

BUT I KNOW
THIS "GREY
WOLF".

HUFF

HOWEVER...

NO MATTER
HOW MANY
TIMES I CLIMB
IT... I CAN
NEVER GET
USED TO IT.

efx: huff...

It would be...
nice...

if they could...
let me use...
the elevator...

THIS...
LABYRINTH
OF
STAIRS...

efx: huff



I BROUGHT
YOU YOUR
FAVORITE
TREAT, A
"MYSTERY".

HEEEY!
VICTORIQUE!

AH,
SHE'S
HERE.

she twitch

kon

SHE'S THE
RUMORED
"GREY WOLF",
VICTORIQUE.



SHE HAS A
ONE-OF-A-KIND
BRAIN, SHE CAN
SOLVE ANY
RIDDLE IN AN
INSTANT.

SHE'S SO
BEAUTIFUL, ONE
CAN MISTAKE
HER FOR A
PORCELAIN
DOLL.

IF IT'S ANOTHER
BORING ACCIDENT,
I'LL MAKE YOU
DANCE AS PUNISH-
MENT.

AN IMPORTANT
FRIEND.



WHAT PUN-
ISHMENT? I
DON'T UN-
DERSTAND
YOU!

SHE NEVER
GOES TO
CLASS BUT
SHE IS MY
CLASSMATE.

HMPH



YES, AVRIL
AND I...

HMM, AN IN-
CIDENT IN
THE MIDDLE
OF YOUR
DATE, HUH?

HEY... IT
WASN'T A
DATE! WE
JUST WENT
SHOPPING!



A STRANGE
ROBBERY HAD
OCCURRED.

LISTEN, I
WENT TO THE
VILLAGE FLEA
MARKET
TODAY.



A STUBBORN
PERSON LIKE
YOU WOULDN'T
BUY SUCH A
CUTE CORSAGE.



FOR SOMETHING
LIKE THAT, I DON'T
EVEN HAVE TO RELY
ON MY FOUNTAIN OF
WISDOM...

BU... BUT
HOW DID YOU
KNOW?



KUJO-KUN!
LOOK HOW
CUTE THIS IS.



...I LOST.

Here,
this is
for you.



...
HMM.

YES, SHE
WOULD!

WOULD
A GIRL BE
HAPPY IF SHE
RECEIVED
THIS?



SHOULDN'T
YOU BUY
THIS?

AH, BUT
TODAY IS
YOUR
SHOPPING
DAY.



Any one
would make
me happy
but...

I... AH, I
DON'T MIND...



HMM...
I'LL BUY
THAT ONE
THEN.

I GUESS I
LIKE THIS ONE
AND THIS ONE.



etc be-
thump

EH...?

WHICH
ONE DO
YOU LIKE,
AVRIL?

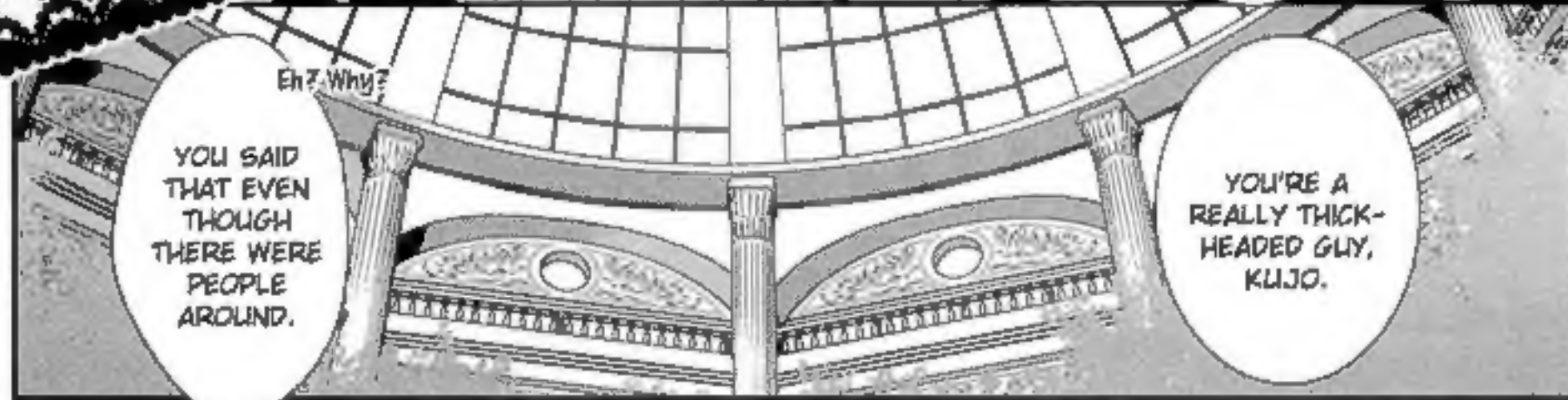


etc gasp

...? WHAT
HAPPENED,
AVRIL?

AH—... BUT I
HAVE A FEELING
THAT VICTO-
RIQUE WOULD
PREFER DANGO.

LET'S BUY
SOMETHING
ELSE JUST
IN CASE.



Eh? Why?

YOU SAID
THAT EVEN
THOUGH
THERE WERE
PEOPLE
AROUND.

YOU'RE A
REALLY THICK-
HEADED GUY,
KUJO.

あはははは

AREN'T YOU A
THICKHEADED
LAD.

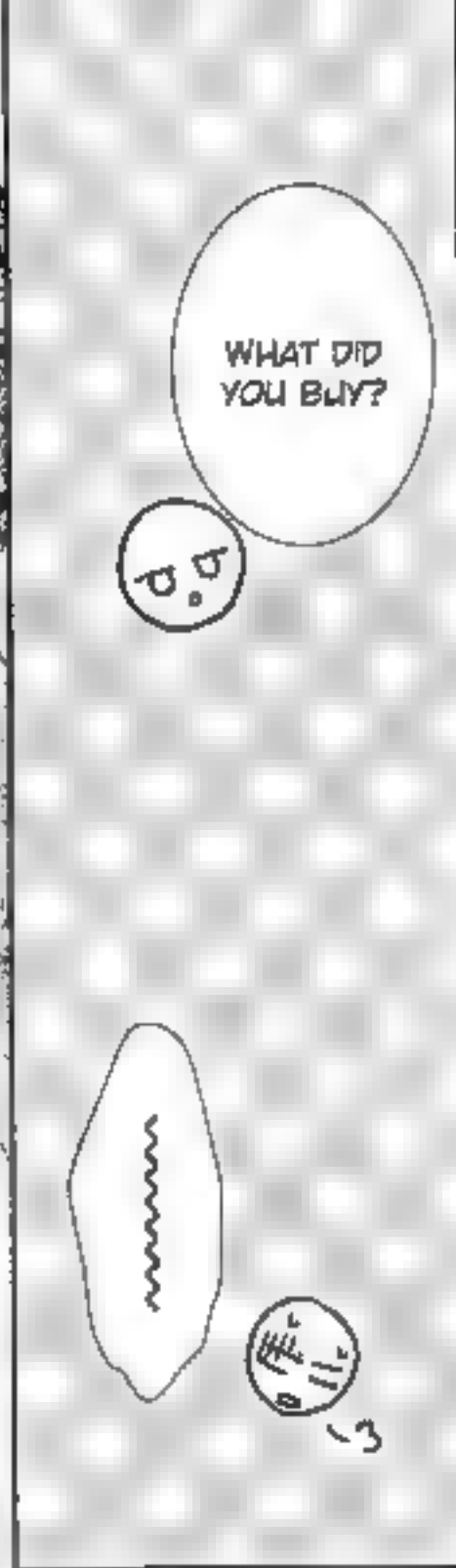
A SOUVENIR FOR
YOUR GIRL-
FRIEND? WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
LOOK AT THESE?

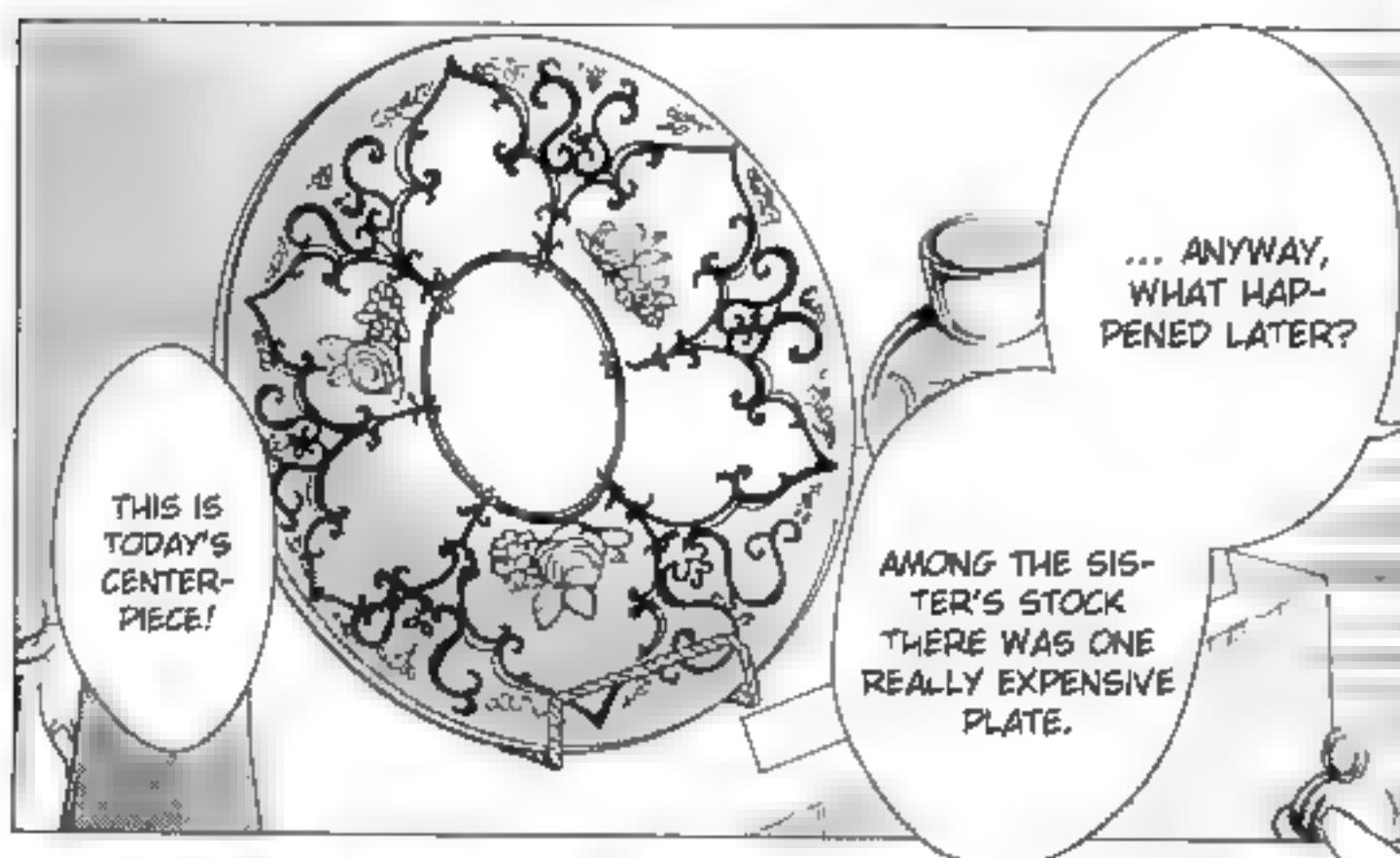
THE CHURCH'S
BAZAAR

SHE HAD A
STRANGE
BOYISH AND
CRUDE
STRADDLE...
THAT AND...

... BUT THAT
SISTER WAS A
LITTLE STRANGE.

SHE WAS
SMELLING A
LITTLE BIT OF
SAKE?







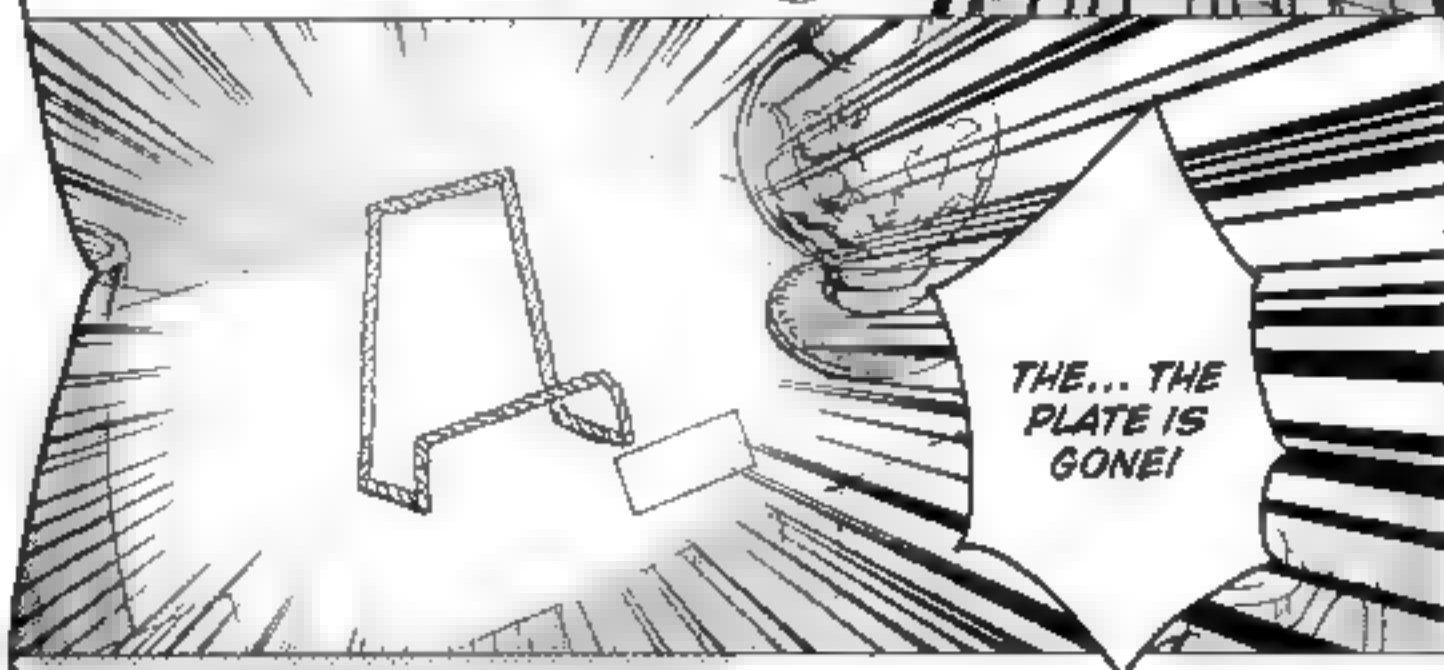
K
Y
A
A
A



THAT
SCARED
ME...

WHY ARE
DOVES FLYING
OUT FROM A
DOLL -?

THE... THE
PLATE IS
GONE!



RIGHT AF-
TERWARDS,
THE POLICE
CAME.

THEY SEARCHED US
AS WELL AND WE
WERE ABLE TO
PROVE OUR INNO-
CENCE BUT

IN THE END,
THE PLATE
WAS NOWHERE
TO BE FOUND.



!?

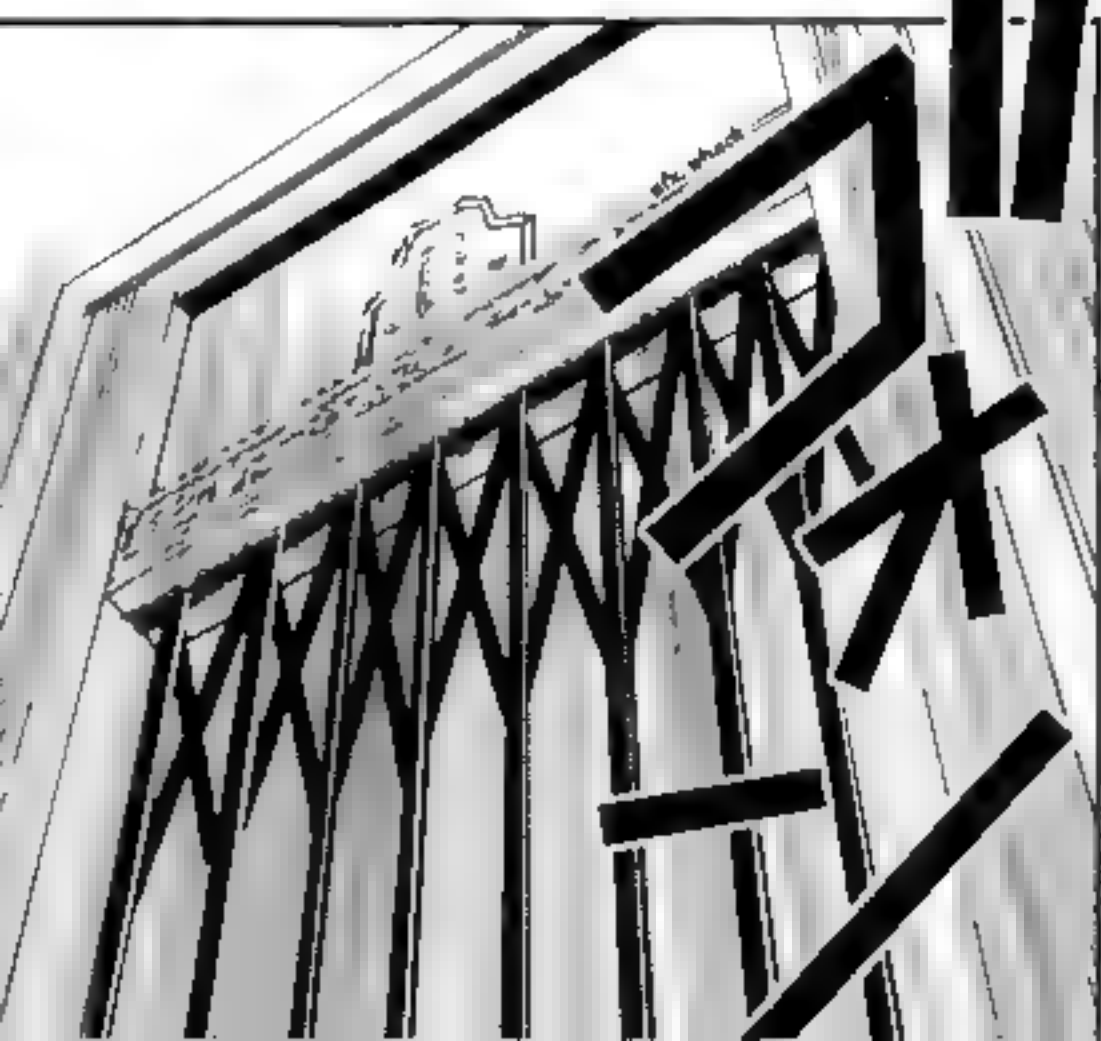
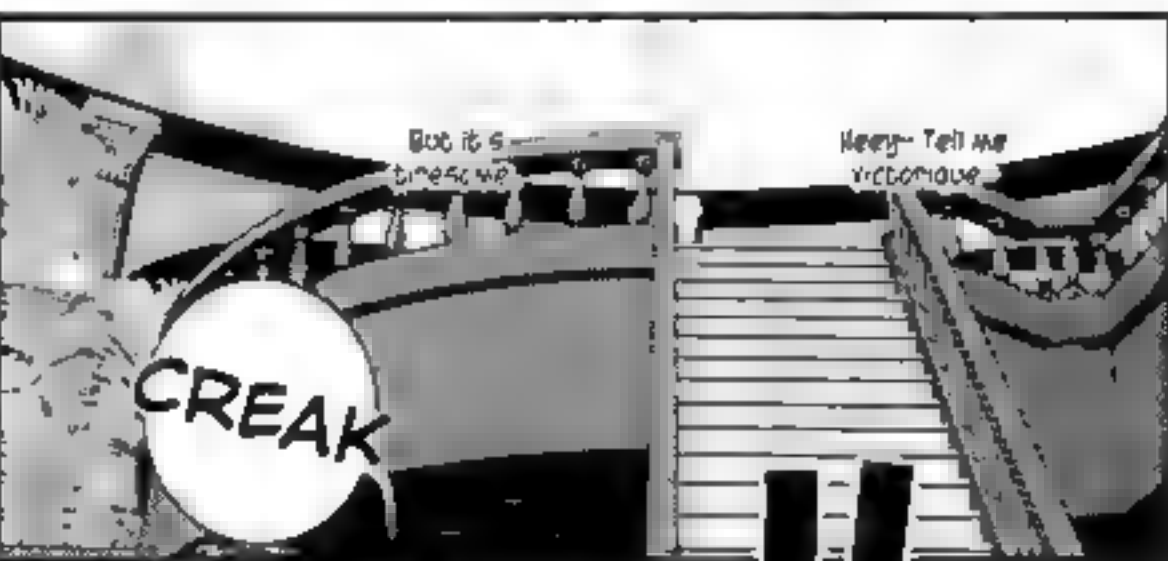




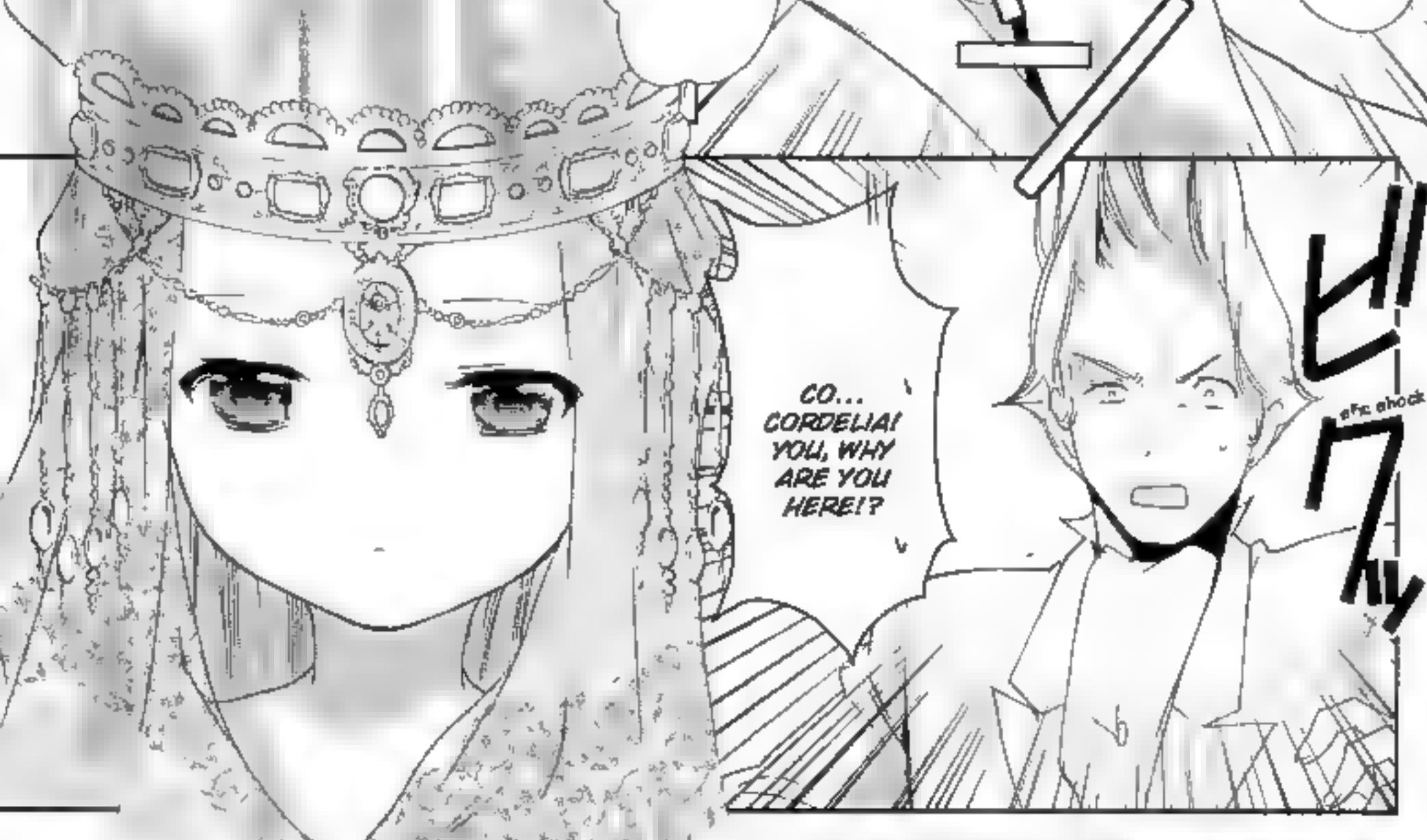
IT'S SIMPLY
RIDICULOUS.



WHAT IS
THIS?



IT LOOKS LIKE
A PERSON
CAME TO ASK
ABOUT EX-
ACTLY THE
SAME THING.





HE'S AN INSPECTOR YET HE MIS-TOOK HIS OWN SISTER, VICTORIQUE, FOR SOMEBODY ELSE...

NEVER MIND. THIS IS ABOUT THE ROBBERY AT THE FLEA MARKET THAT OCCURRED EARLIER TODAY. KLIJO-KUN.

...CORDE-LIA? WHO'S THAT?

コホーン
sho shm

THEN HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN THE DOVES!?

IT WASN'T AVRIL! SHE DOESN'T HAVE INTEREST IN VALUABLES!

I THINK THE EXCHANGE STUDENT YOU WERE WITH IS SUSPICIOUS.

—IT WAS THAT KIND OF INCIDENT BUT...

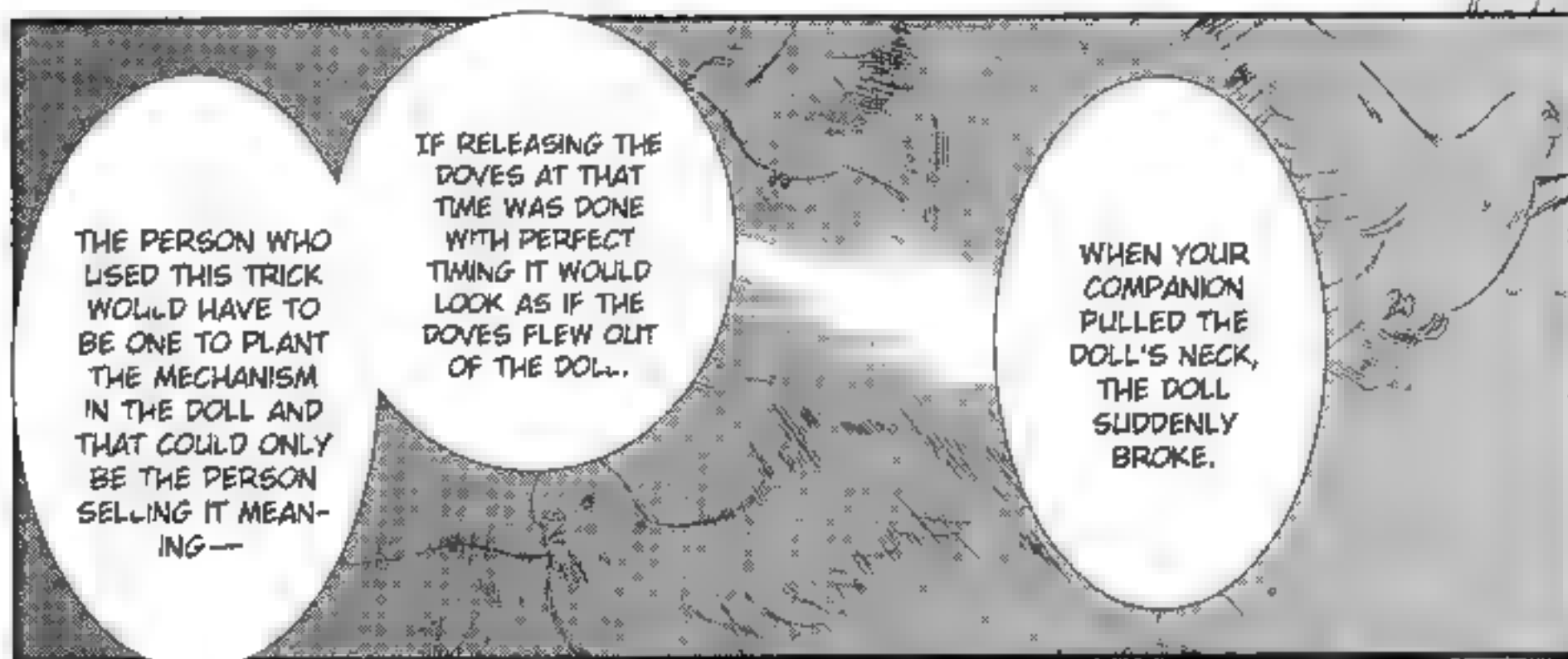
THE ONE WHO USED THIS TRICK WAS HER!

WHEN THE SURROUNDING CUSTOMERS WERE WATCHING THE DOVES, THE PLATE WAS STOLEN.

THE EXCHANGE STUDENT STAGED DOVES TO FLY OUT OF THE DOLL SHE WAS PLAYING WITH.



I WONDER IF
THOSE
DOVES WERE
REALLY
TRAPPED IN
THERE.



THE PERSON WHO
USED THIS TRICK
WOULD HAVE TO
BE ONE TO PLANT
THE MECHANISM
IN THE DOLL AND
THAT COULD ONLY
BE THE PERSON
SELLING IT MEAN-
ING—

IF RELEASING THE
DOVES AT THAT
TIME WAS DONE
WITH PERFECT
TIMING IT WOULD
LOOK AS IF THE
DOVES FLEW OUT
OF THE DOLL.

WHEN YOUR
COMPANION
PULLED THE
DOLL'S NECK,
THE DOLL
SUDDENLY
BROKE.



"THE SISTER HAD A
STRANGE BOYISH
AND CRUDE
STRADDLE" YOU
SAID SO YOURSELF,
DIDN'T YOU?

BUT
WHERE'D
THE DOVES
COME
FROM...!



THAT
SISTER!?

BUT WHY DID
THE PERSON
WHO PUT IT UP
ON THE
BAZAAR IN THE
FIRST
PLACE...?

WE WON'T
KNOW THAT
UNLESS WE
ASK HER.

IN THE INTERVAL
WHEN THE CROWD
WAS WATCHING THE
DOVES SHE HID THE
PLATE UNDER HER
LEGS.

SHE HID
THE DOVES
BETWEEN HER
LEGS.

...IN THAT CASE
IT WOULDN'T BE
STRANGE FOR
HER TO BE CON-
SIDERED THE
SUSPECT

BUT THE OBJECTS ON
THE BAZAAR BELONG
TO THE CHURCH AND
SHE DOESN'T GET ANY
PROCEEDINGS EITHER.

AH

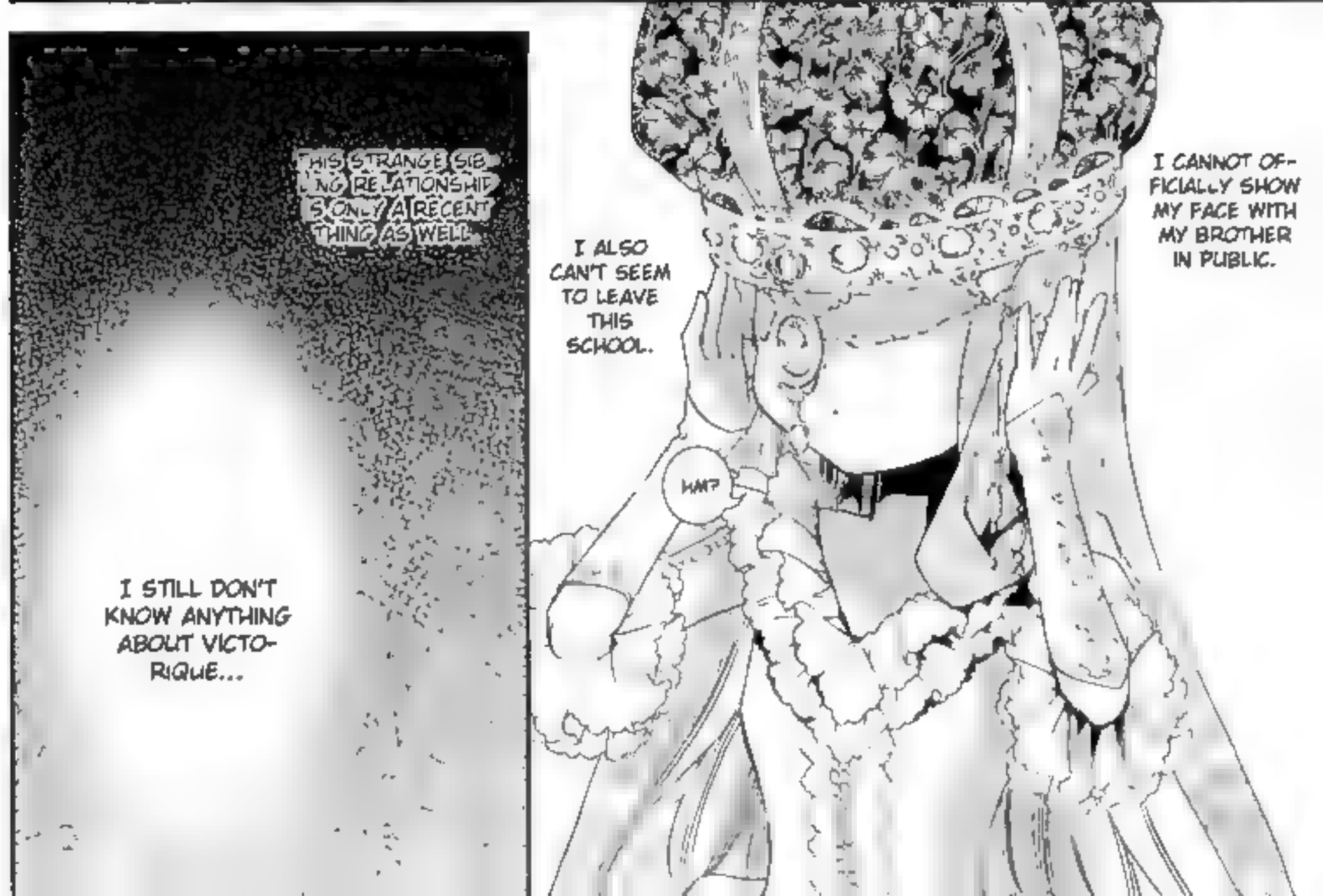
EH?

NO... IT'S
NOTHING

PAT..

I'VE
BEEN DE-
FEATED.

I see







THEY SAY
"GREY
WOLVES LIVE
QUIETLY IN
THE MOUN-
TAINS WHERE
THE BLUES
GROW THICK"



AHH LEG-
ENDS ARE
POPULAR IN
SAVILLE'

I WONDER IF
IT'S THE SAME
IN OTHER
COUNTRIES
LIKE VAMPIRES
OR YET



SOMETIMES THE
MOTHER IS TOLD
"YOU BORE A
WOLF'S CHILD"
AND IS DRIVEN
OUT OF TOWN.

THAT'S
WHY IF A
VERY IN-
TELLIGENT
CHILD IS
BORN

THE GREY
WOLVES
ARE MUCH
SMARTER THAN
HUMANS.



I CAME TO
UNDERSTAND A
LITTLE

VICTORIOUS DE
BLUES IS THE
REINCARNATION
OF A GREY
WOLF

WHY SHE'S
CALLED THAT

THAT GREY
WOLF!



IT'S BE-
CAUSE SHE
IS TOO
SMART.



HMM... YOU'RE
THE ONLY ONE
WHO CLIMBS THAT
MAZE OF STAIRS
ON PURPOSE.

WELL, I'M
SORRY!



LOOK, IF
YOU'RE TAKING
A NAP IN SUCH
A PLACE I'M
GOING TO GO
HOME!

IF BY ANY
CHANCE
PEOPLE YOU
DON'T KNOW
WERE TO
COME, WHAT
WOULD YOU
DO?



EVERY-
THING'S
SCATTERED
AROUND
AGAIN.

And she'll
get angry if
I step on the
sweets...



YOU KNOW
WHEN I COME.

THAT IS... IN
OTHER WORDS



yawn

FIRST OF
ALL, I CAN
IMMEDIATELY
RECOGNIZE
YOUR LOUD
FOOTSTEPS.



URRGH

MORE IMPOR-
TANTLY, IT LOOKS
LIKE THEY STILL
HAVEN'T CAUGHT
THE THIEF FROM
YESTERDAY'S
ROBBERY.



EH... UM, I'M
NOT GRINNING!

YOU GRINNING
LIKE THAT
MAKES ME
SICK.




OH?
YOU'RE
NOT INTER-
ESTED?

HMPH
...


BUT IT'S NOT HER
FAULT THAT SHE'S
INTELLIGENT OR
THAT SHE BE-
HAVES MORE MA-
TURELY THAN
OTHER PEOPLE.



... I GUESS
YOU'RE NOT
REALLY INTER-
ESTED IN THE
MALE CHILDREN
OF THE DE BLOIS
FAMILY



THERE MUST BE A
REASON WHY VICTO-
RIQUE IS ALWAYS
ALONE.



THIS NEWSPA-
PER HAS A
THREE LINE
CLASSIFIED AD-
VERTISEMENT.



THAT'S RIGHT!
SINCE YOU ALWAYS
SAY THAT YOU'RE
BORED, I
BROUGHT YOU A
MYSTERY
FROM THE REAL
WORLD.



IT'S A MESSAGE
ADDRESSED TO
THE LEGENDARY
GREY WOLF...



IT LOOKS
LIKE SOME KIND
OF CIPHER
DOESN'T IT? IT'S
STRANGE

HA...?



FOR THE DE-
SCENDANTS
OF THE GREY
WOLVES.



WE WILL
WELCOME THE
DESCEN-
DANTS.

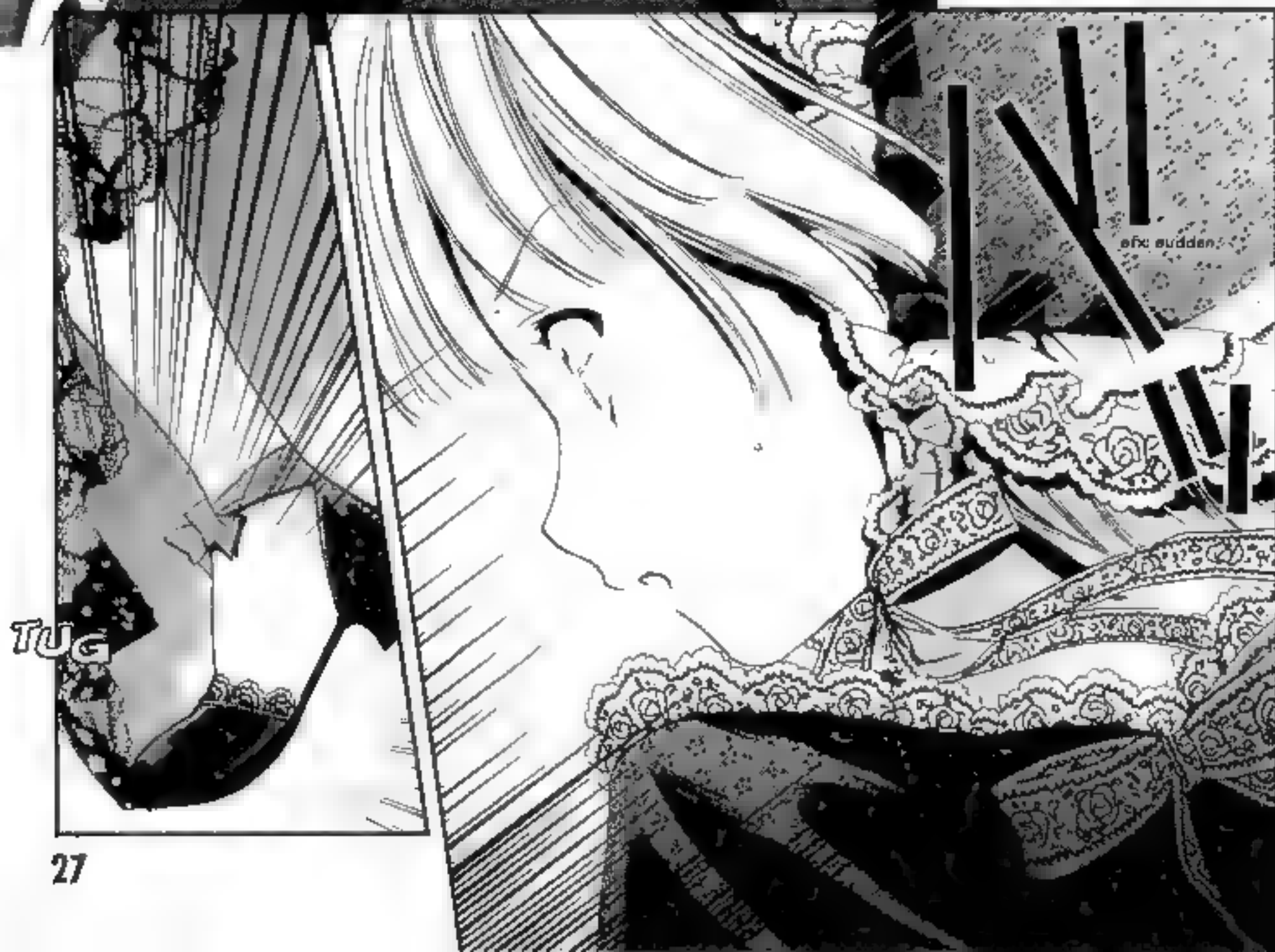
ON THE
FORTHCOM-
ING MIDSUM-
MER



VICTORIQUE?



efx: Romp
IRU



efx: sudden

TUG





HURRY!

OK,
OK.

GO TO THE
LOWER FLOOR
AND BRING ME A
BOOK FROM THE
BOOKSHELF. IT'S
THE 3RD ONE
DOWN AND 31ST
FROM THE RIGHT.



IT'S THIS
ONE I
GUESS.



INDEED, MOST OF
THIS IS FABRICATED
BUT THIS HERE IS
ONE PIECE OF
CREDIBLE DATA.

FLIP

IT'S THE
LEGEND OF
THE GREY
WOLVES.

IN SAUVILLE
SINCE LONG
AGO, THIS HAS
BEEN ONE OF
THE MAIN
GHOST STO-
RIES.



AND THEN
WHEN IT BECAME
CLOSE TO MID-
NIGHT "HEY" AP-
PEARED

shc rustle

WHEN
NIGHT CAME,
FRIGHTENED OF
BEASTS, I BUILT
A FIRE

IT'S FROM THE
JOURNAL OF A CER-
TAIN ENGLISH TRAV-
ELER FROM THE
16TH CENTURY.

I'VE ALWAYS
THOUGHT IT WAS
ALONG THE LINES
OF THIS DESCRIP-
TION.

IT IS THE
YEAR 1511

I HAVE ARRIVED
CLOSE TO THE
SWISS-SALVILLE
BORDER BUT
GOT LOST ALONG
THE MOUNTAIN
RANGE PASSAGE-
WAY

crackle



HE WAS A STILL
YOUNG WOLF



AND WHEN I WAS
ALREADY PRE-
PARED TO DIE A
SURPRISING EVENT
HAPPENED

EEK!

HE WAS
UNLIKE OTHER
BEASTS. HE
WAS NOT
FRIGHTENED OF
FIRE

crackle



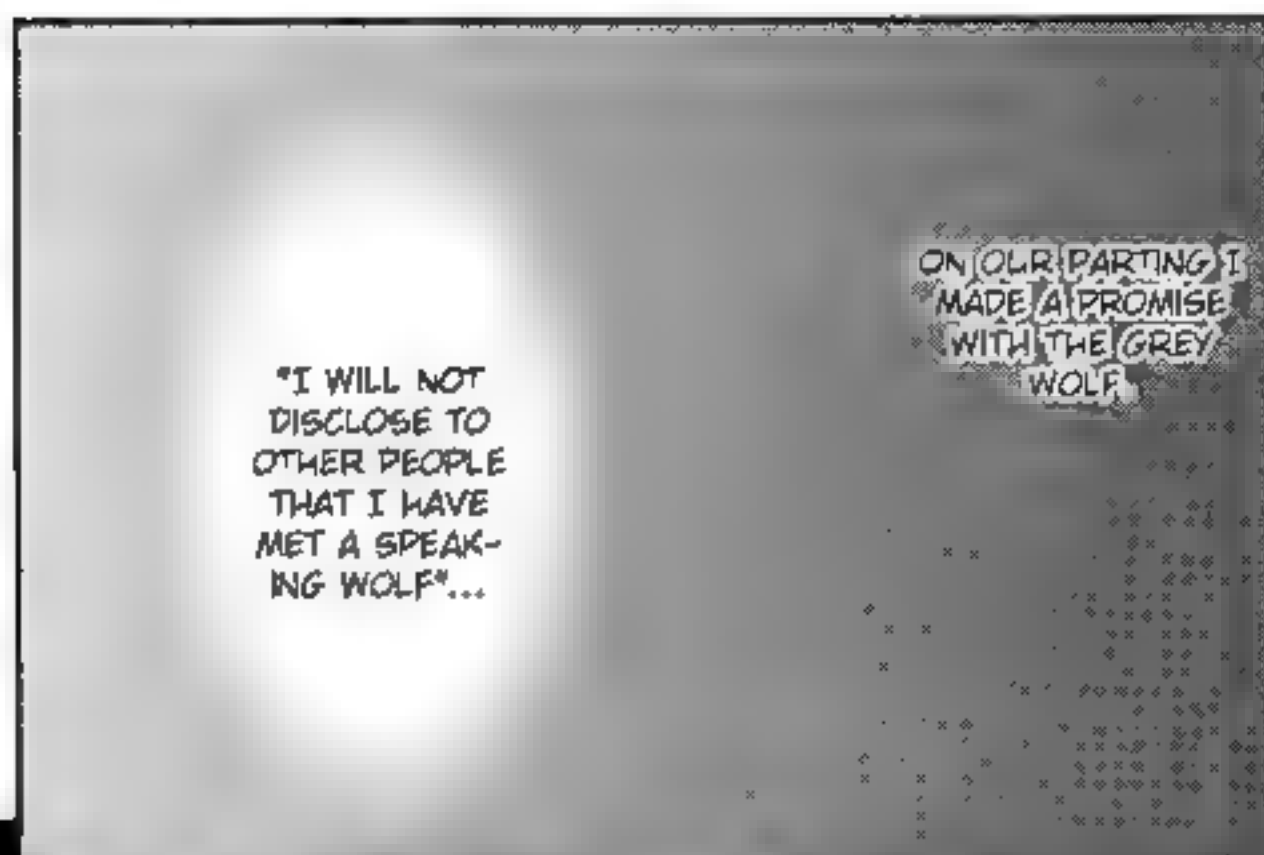
HE ASKED ME
VARIOUS QUES-
TIONS AND I AN-
SWERED.

ON THE MOUNTAIN
RANGE, OPPORTU-
NITIES FOR CON-
VERSATION ARE
LITTLE.



BEFORE LONG I
NOTICED, THE
NIGHT BRIGHT-
ENED.

HE SHOWED ME
THE WAY OUT
OF THE FOREST.



"I WILL NOT
DISCLOSE TO
OTHER PEOPLE
THAT I HAVE
MET A SPEAK-
ING WOLF"...

ON OUR PARTING I
MADE A PROMISE
WITH THE GREY
WOLF.



WHAT BUSI-
NESS DOES A
HUMAN HAVE
IN THESE
FORESTS...

THE WOLF
SPOKE TO
ME



HOWEVER, I WAS
UNABLE TO KEEP
THIS PROMISE.

WHEN I RETURNED TO
SAFETY I WASN'T
ABLE TO KEEP SELF-
CONTROL AND I TOLD
MY WIFE.

SAID WIFE TOLD HER
BROTHER AND TRAVEL-
ING FROM ONE PERSON
TO ANOTHER IT
REACHED GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS.

THEY ASKED ME
HOW TO REACH
THAT PLACE.



ONCE MORE I VIS-
ITED THE FOREST
WHERE I MET THE
WOLF

ONE YEAR
LATER

AND THEN THE
GOVERNMENT OFF-
ICIALS PROMISED ME
THE SAME THING



THERE WAS A
SMALL VILLAGE
THERE, BRU-
TALLY REDUCED
TO ASHES.

"WE WON'T
TELL."



HOWEVER—




HOW!

AH!



IT IS MY
FAULT FOR
NOT KEEP-
ING THE
PROMISE...




THEY
ESCAPED.

THEY WERE
ALIVE.



I READ IT
VICTORIQUE.


SIGH



AND EVEN NOW
THEY'RE THERE
SOMEWHERE, IN
THAT FOREST



ALRIGHT AL-
READY! JUST
HURRY UP AND
EXPLAIN!



IF I WERE
SLEEPING ALL
THIS TIME IN-
STEAD...

Apologize for
your halfway
measures!

...WHAT!?
YOU WERE
READING IT
ALL THIS
TIME?



ORIGINALLY
THERE WERE A
LOT OF LEG-
ENDS ABOUT
WOLVES IN
THIS COUNTRY.

munch
munch



EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS CRYING UP UNTIL A MOMENT AGO, SHE'S ALREADY LIKE THIS.



So sleepy.

IN OTHER WORDS...

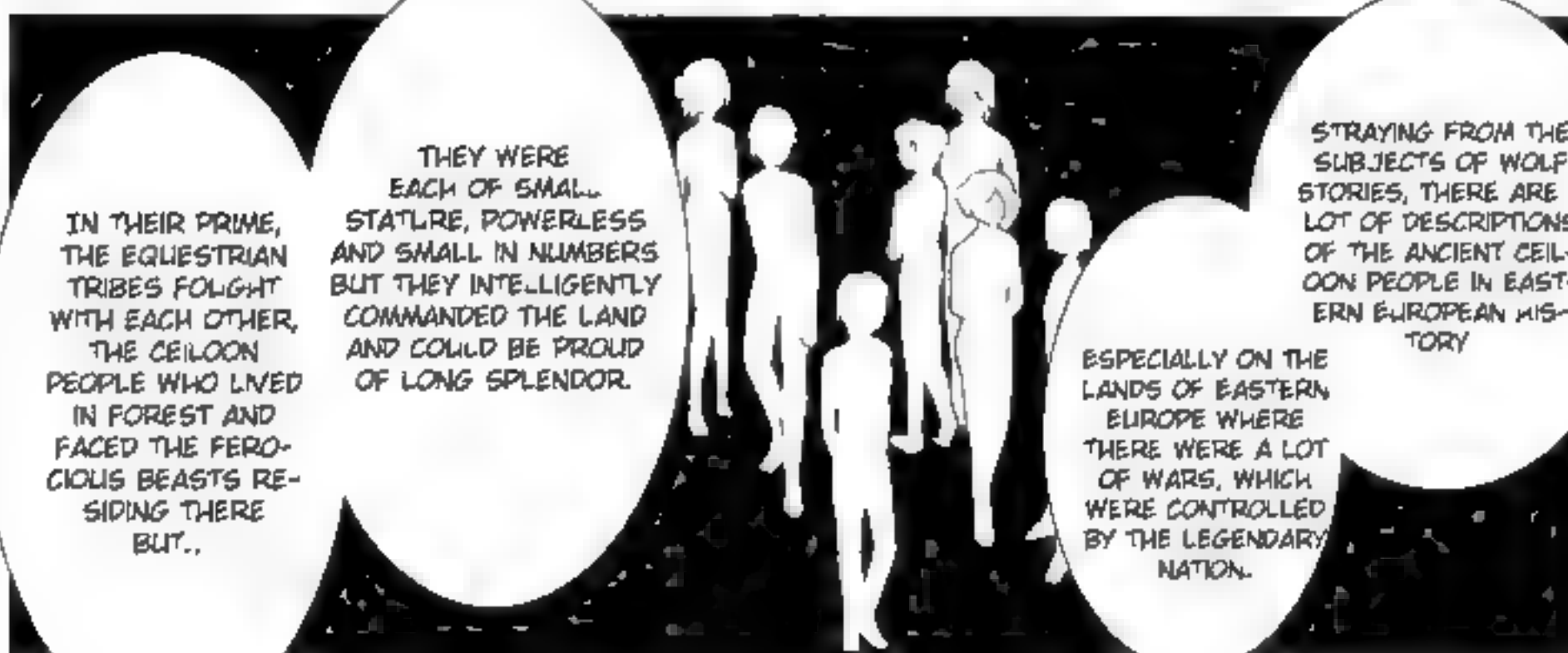
THE SURPRISING THING IS THAT THESE WOLF LEGENDS ARE A MATTER OF THE PAST COUPLE OF CENTURIES... FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU READ BOOKS FROM THE 13TH CENTURY, THEY NEVER MENTION WOLVES.

"THE QUIET GREY WOLVES", "THE FLUR-CLAD PHILOSOPHER", ETC... FOLLOWING THAT CAME VARIOUS THEORIES BUT



REALIZE

Hurtel
It hurtel
I said it
hurtel



IN THEIR PRIME, THE EQUESTRIAN TRIBES FOUGHT WITH EACH OTHER, THE CEILOON PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN FOREST AND FACED THE FEROCIOUS BEASTS RESIDING THERE BUT..

THEY WERE EACH OF SMALL STATURE, POWERLESS AND SMALL IN NUMBERS BUT THEY INTELLIGENTLY COMMANDED THE LAND AND COULD BE PROUD OF LONG SPLENDOR.

ESPECIALLY ON THE LANDS OF EASTERN EUROPE WHERE THERE WERE A LOT OF WARS, WHICH WERE CONTROLLED BY THE LEGENDARY NATION.

STRAYING FROM THE SUBJECTS OF WOLF STORIES, THERE ARE A LOT OF DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ANCIENT CEILOON PEOPLE IN EASTERN EUROPEAN HISTORY

AROUND THE
15TH CENTURIES
ACCORDING TO
DESCRIPTIONS
THEY SUDDENLY
DISAPPEARED
FROM THAT
AREA.

RIGHT NOW
THEY'RE NO-
WHERE TO
BE FOUND.

FLICK

IT'S JUST A HINT
BUT IN THAT AREA
THE 15TH CENTURY
WAS THE TIME OF
INQUISITION AND
WITCH HUNT —

ahahaha!
DID I SUR-
PRISE YOU?

HE
HE
HE

PFF
...

SHOCK

あははは



IT HURTS !

SORRY, SORRY, IT WAS JUST A LITTLE PRANK.

tremble

OUCH



EH?



THROB

THROB



EH? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

HISS

KUJO... I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THIS KIND OF MAN.

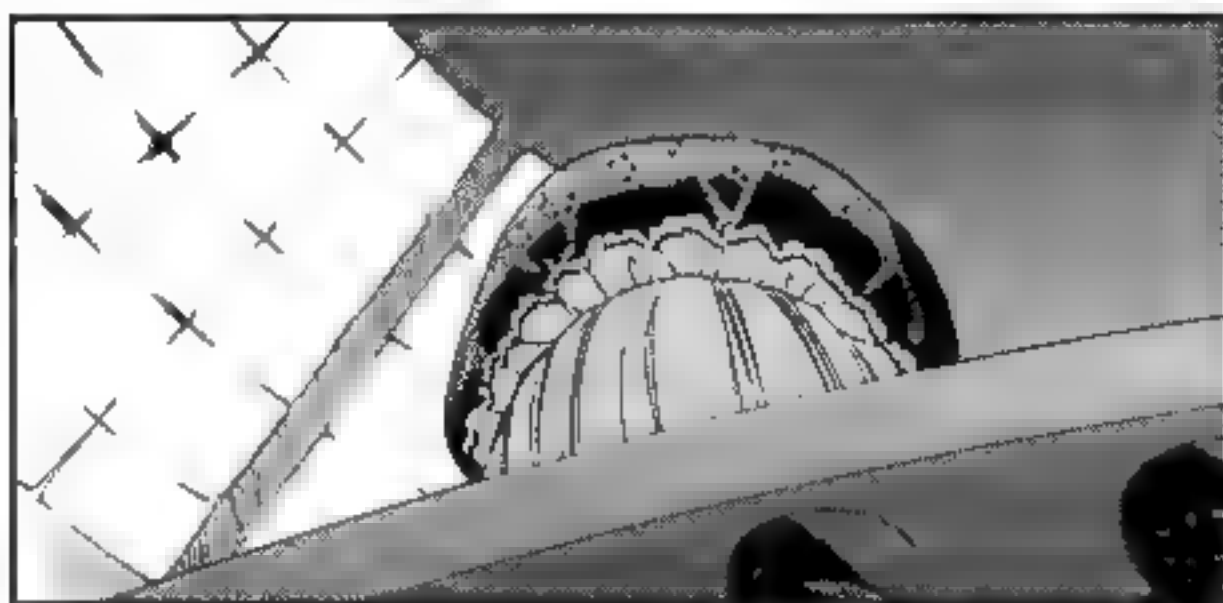


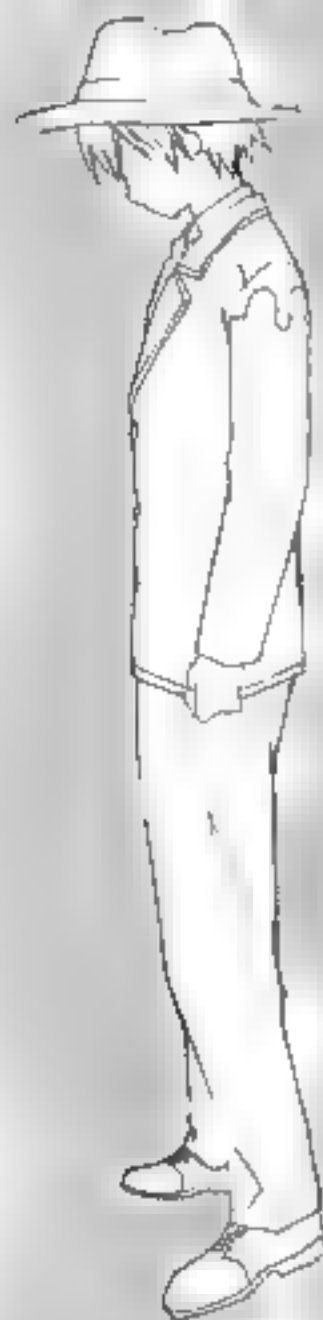
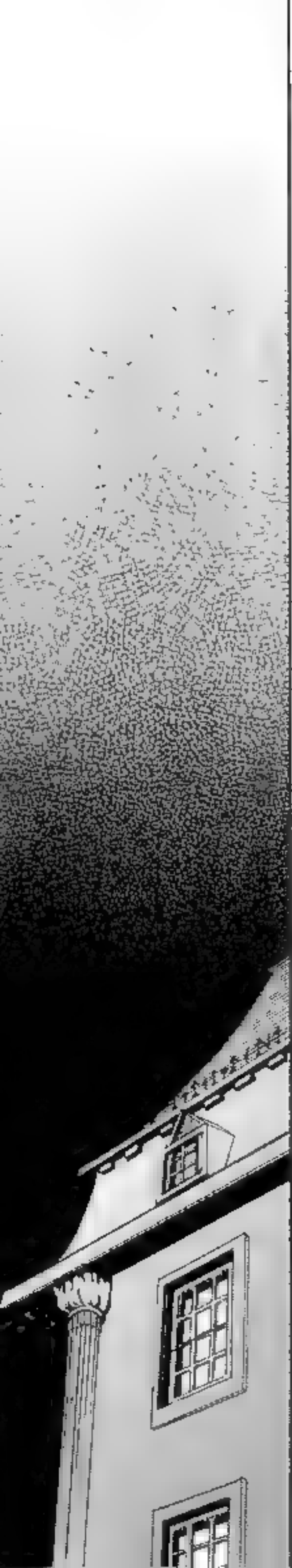
EEH!?

THAT'S EX-AGGERAT-ING...!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I'M BREAKING OFF OUR FRIENDSHIP! I WON'T TALK TO YOU EVER AGAIN!!







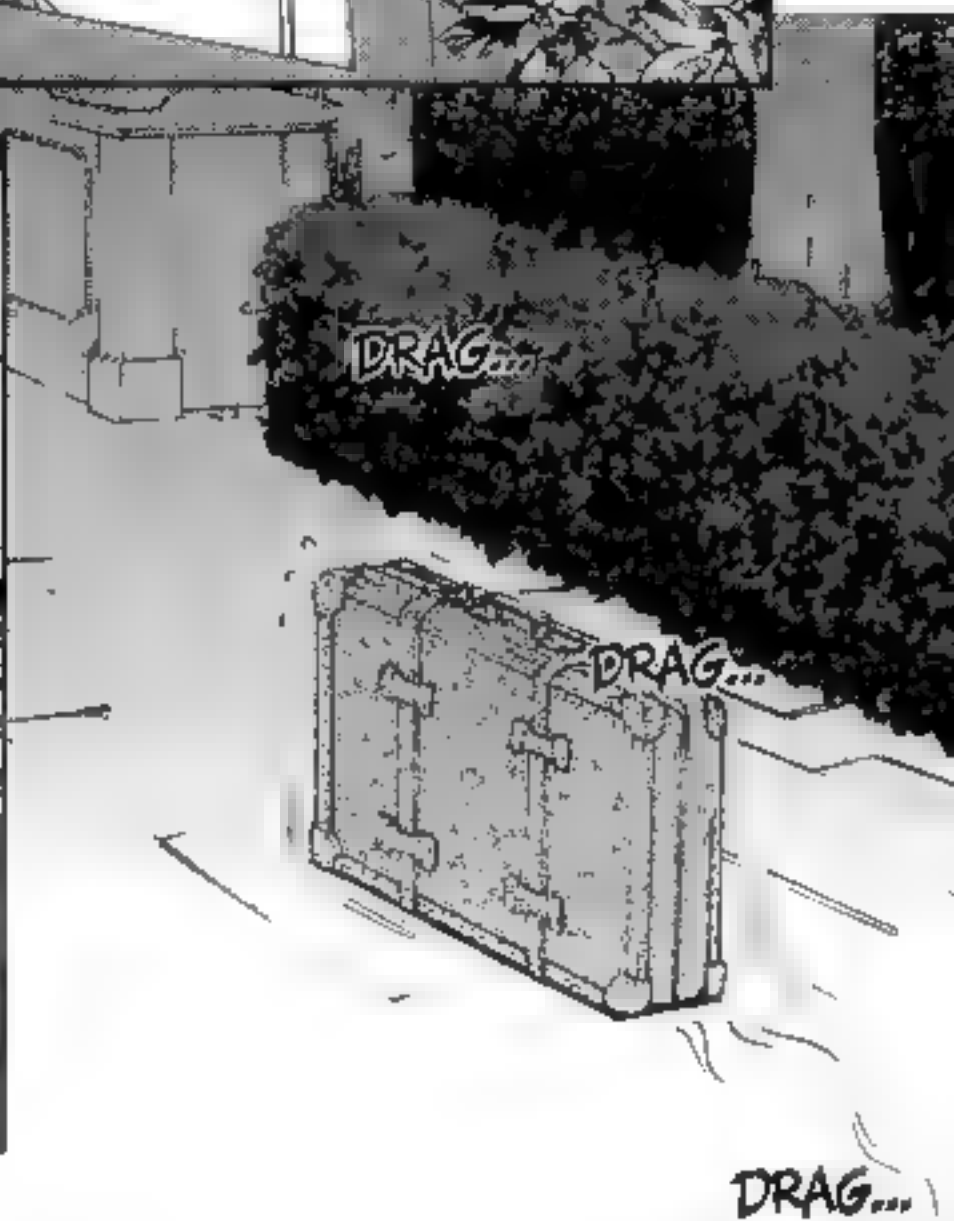
WHAT IS
THIS...



I really
really won't
come here
again!

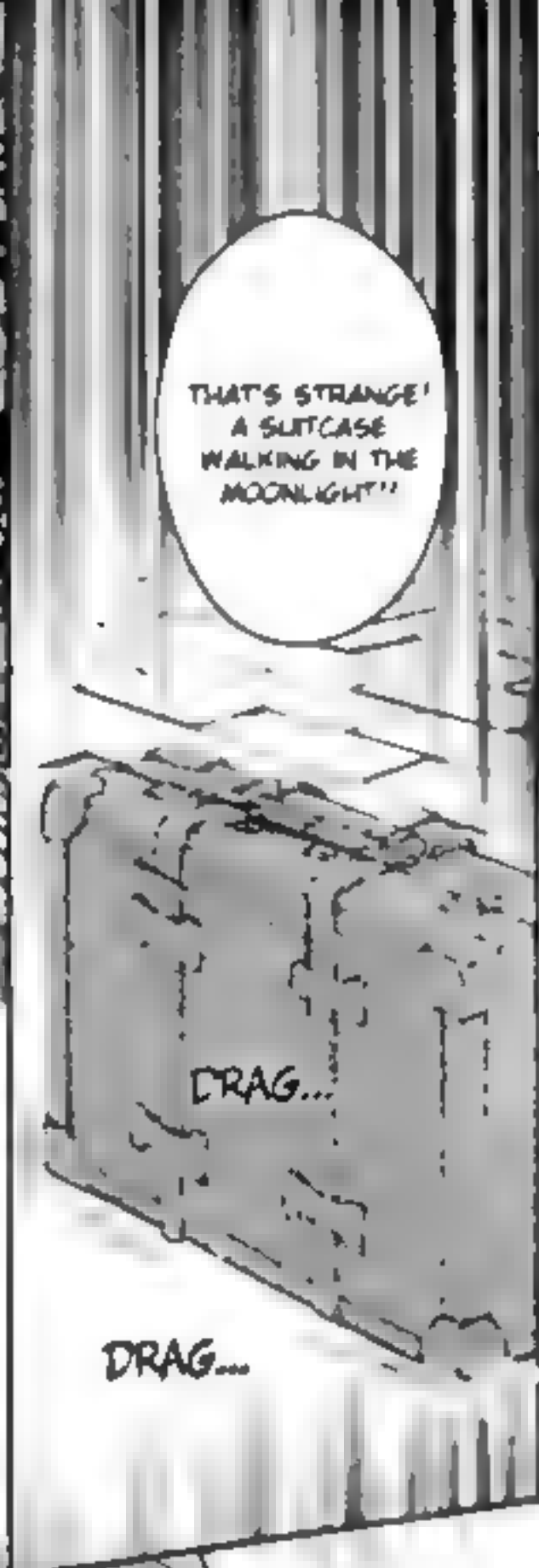
WHAT IS
THIS- THAT
VICTORIQUE!



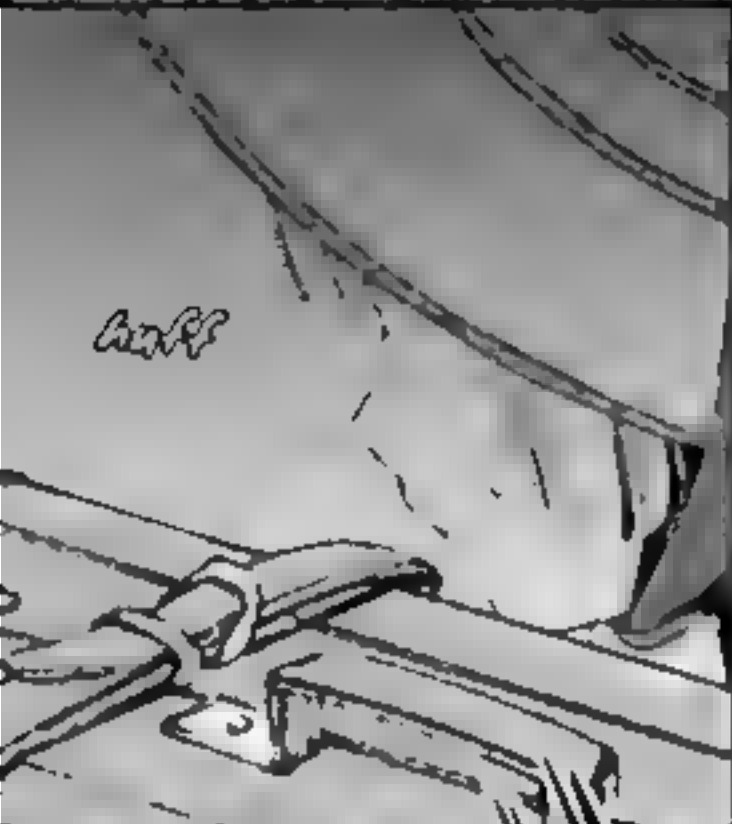




IF I SHOW
THIS TO VIC-
TORIQUE
SHE'LL BE
HAPPY!



THAT'S STRANGE!
A SUITCASE
WALKING IN THE
MOONLIGHT!!



Amff



DRAG



DRAG...

DRAG...







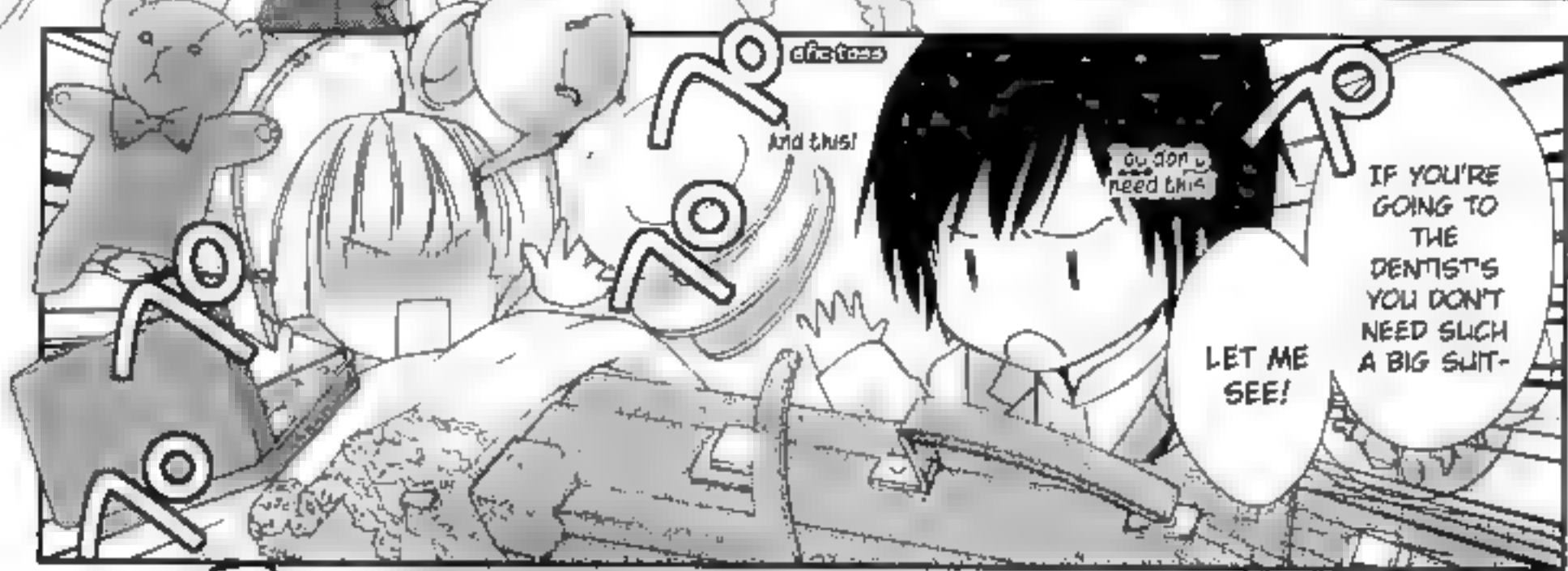


LOOK, YOUR
CHEEKS ARE
SWOLLEN
AND RED!



AH! I GET IT!
YOU HAVE A
TOOTHACHE?

ARE
YOU NOT
TALKING?



And this!

you don't
need this

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
THE
DENTIST'S
YOU DON'T
NEED SUCH
A BIG SUIT-

LET ME
SEE!



tremble

tremble

Really you.
it can't be
helped.

WHAT'S THIS!
A BUNK BED
AND A STOOL
EVEN!?

YOU'RE NOT
EMIGRATING
TO ANOTHER
CONTINENT!

Finally





AVEL WE
DONT WANT TO
CAUSE TROUBLE
FOR THE STU-
DENTS WHO
MADE IT

ALSO KEEP
THIS HIDDEN
PATH A
SECRET. OK?

LOOK OK?
IF YOU'RE GOING
TO THE DENTIST
YOU'LL BE
COMING RIGHT
BACK



SO,
WHERE'S THE
DENTIST VIC-
TORQUE?

VICTORI-
QUE?



EH?



SAME DESTINATION AS THAT GIRL JUST NOW!



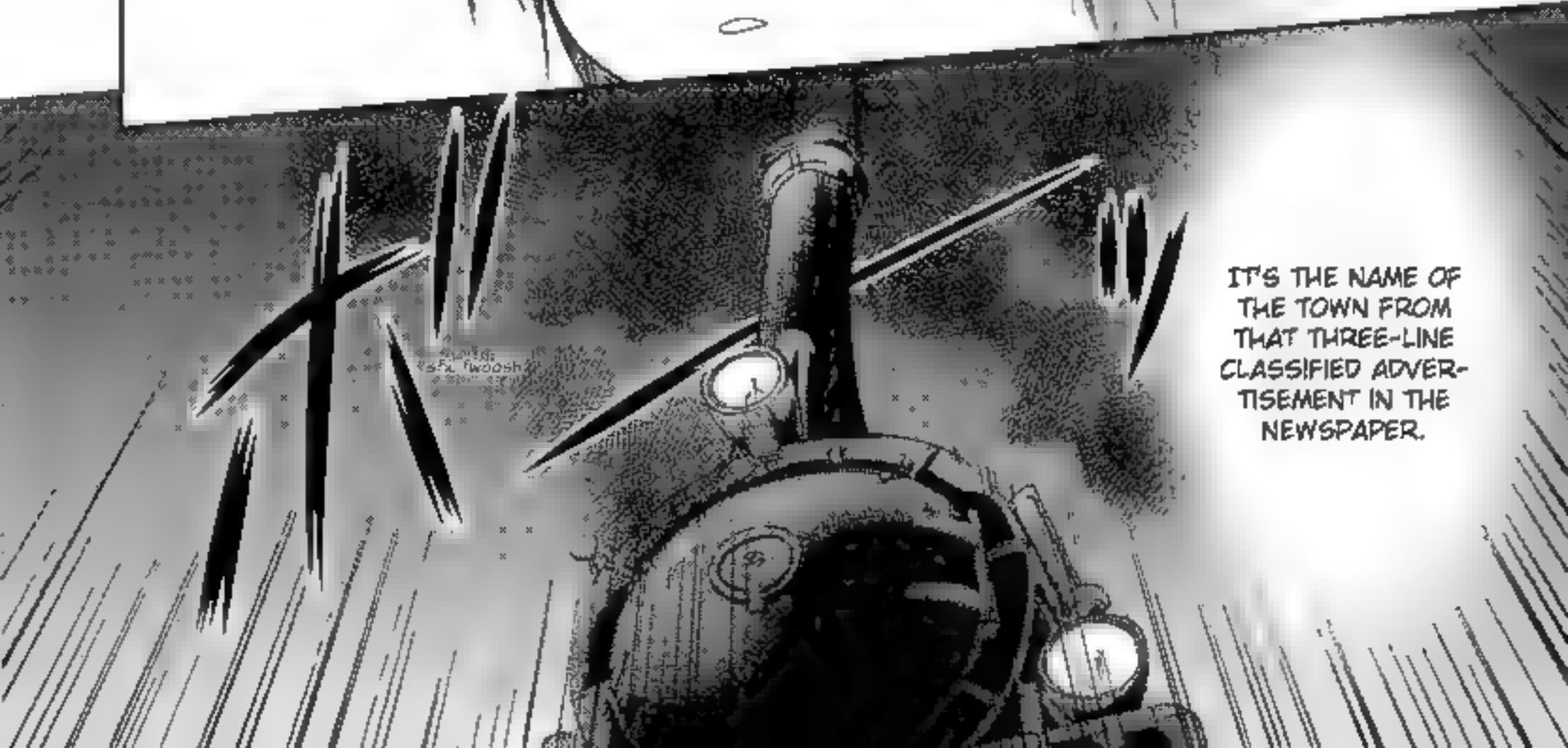
YOU... DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE PLANNING TO BOARD A TRAIN? YOU WEREN'T GOING TO THE DENTIST?

YOU CAN'T! IF YOU LEAVE THE SCHOOL THEY'LL KNOW!



HOLLOWITS?

ONE TICKET TO HOLLOWITS?



IT'S THE NAME OF THE TOWN FROM THAT THREE-LINE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER.

FOR THE
DESCEN-
DANTS OF
THE GREY
WOLVES.



ON THE
FORTHCOM-
ING MID-
SUMMER

NEXT TO THAT AD-
VERTISEMENT THE
NAME OF THE
TOWN HOLLOWITS,
WAS WRITTEN
ALONG WITH A
SIMPLE JOURNEY
DESCRIPTION.

WE WILL
WELCOME
THE DESCEN-
DANTS.

she clatter

she rattle

AS EXPECTED,
THERE'S LITTLE
CUSTOMERS AT
THIS TIME OF
DAY.

BUT WHY
IS VICTORIGLE
GOING TO SUCH
A PLACE!?

IT'S A SMALL
TOWN ON THE
FOOT OF THE
MOUNTAIN
RANGE.



OH?



TWITCH

PL...EASE
...DO.

...YES



WOULD IT BE
OK IF I RODE
WITH YOU?
MISS AND
HER COMPAN-
ION.

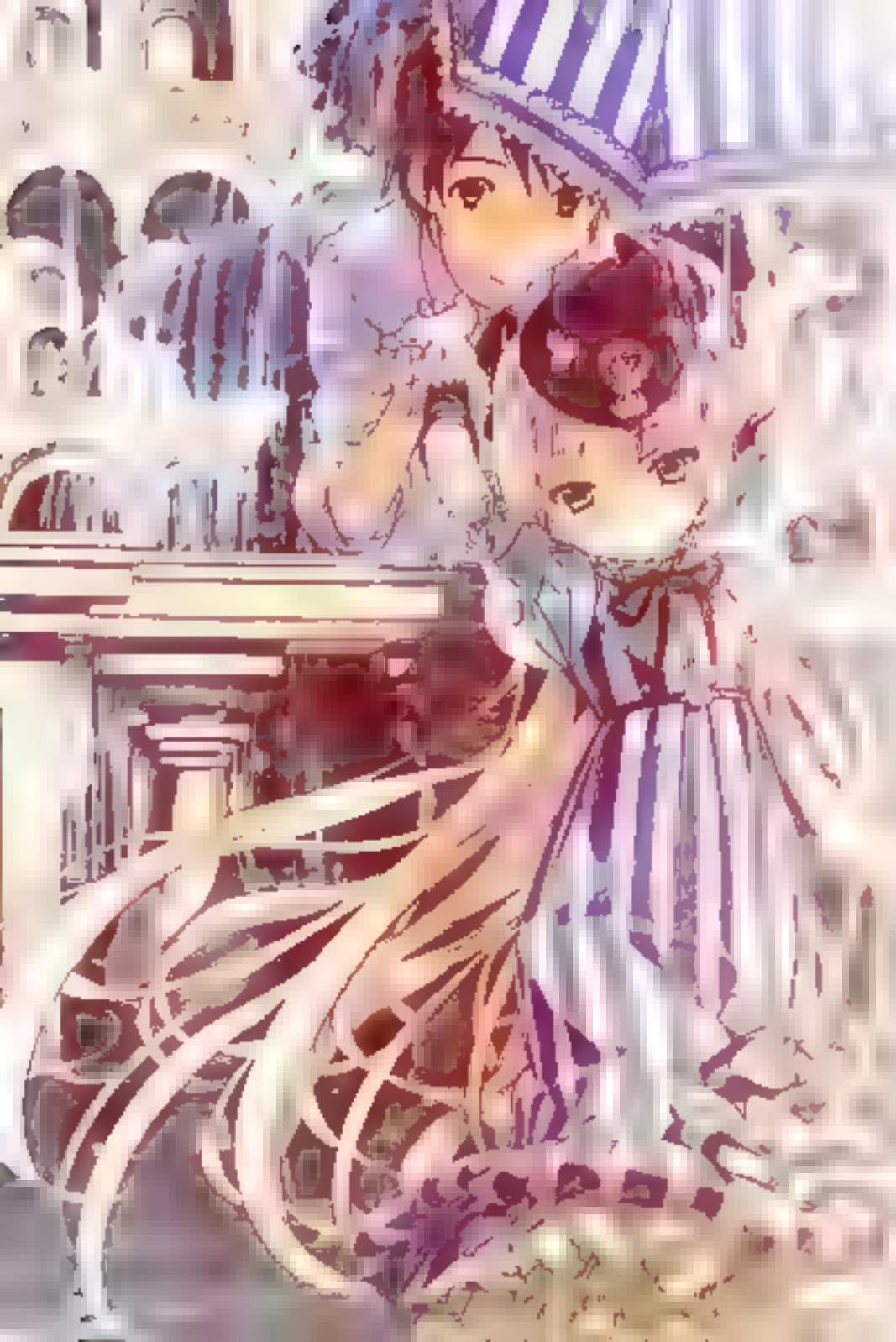


IT'S YOU
AGAIN!

IT'S THE THIEF
SISTER FROM
THAT TIME!!

Gothic

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THE NAMELESS VILLAGE



THE TRAIN
WENT DEEPER
AND DEEPER
INTO THE
MOUNTAINS...



GLANCE



EVEN SO
HOW FAR IS
THIS PERSON
GOING TO GO
WITH US?

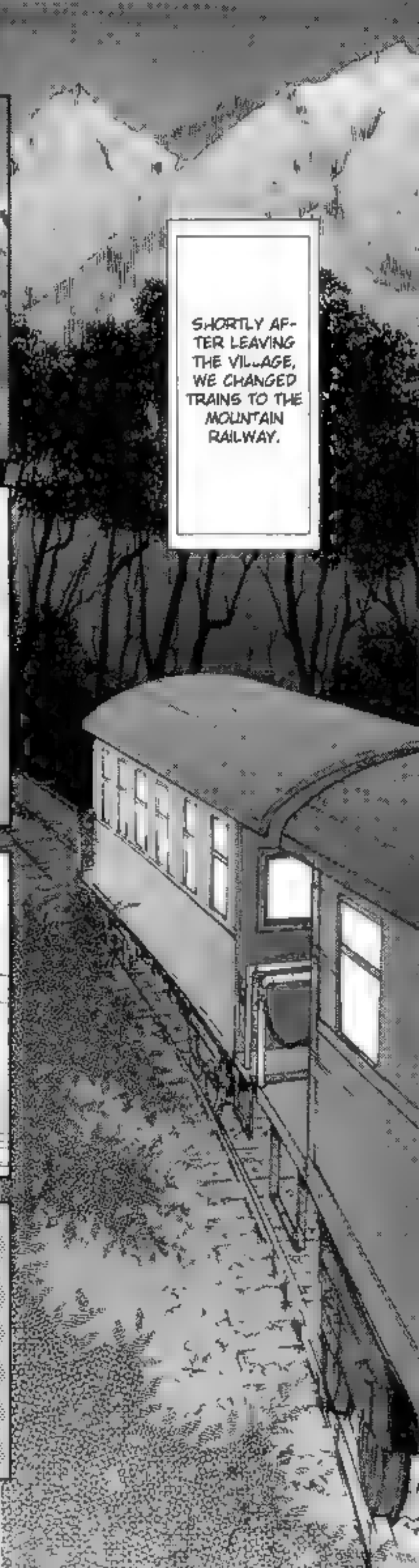


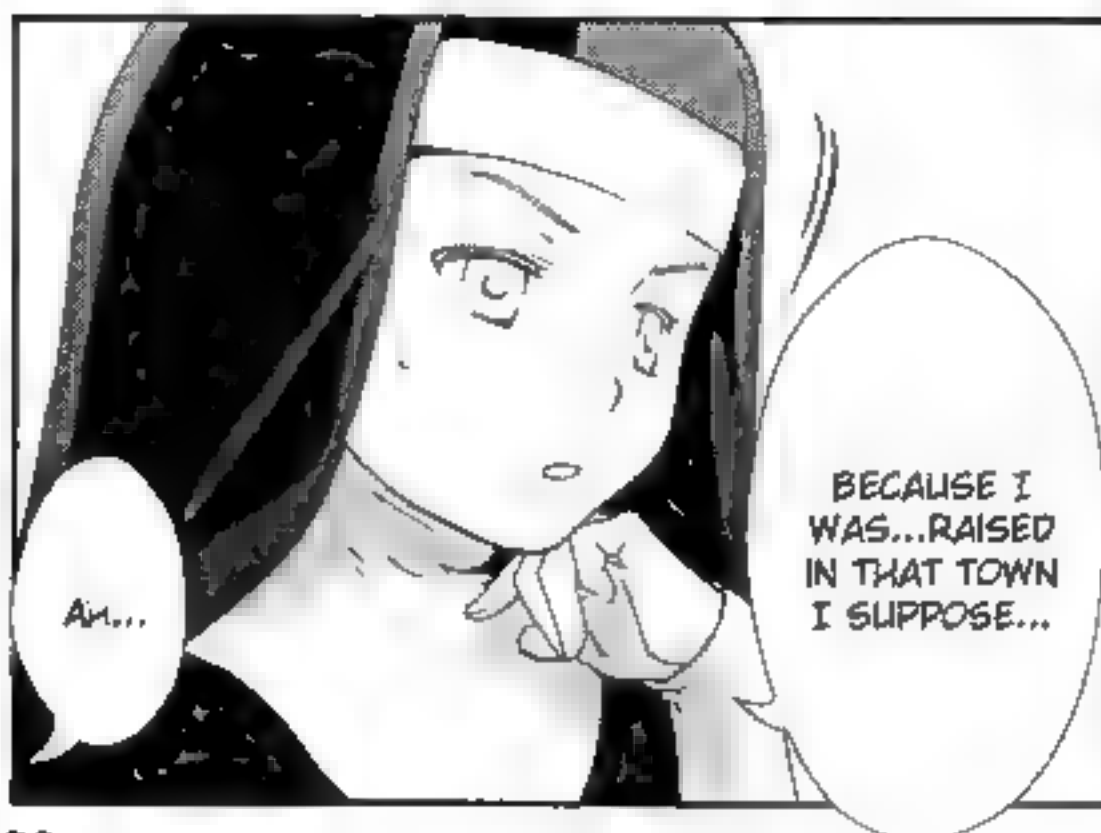
I WANT
TO TELL
VICTO-
RIQUE!

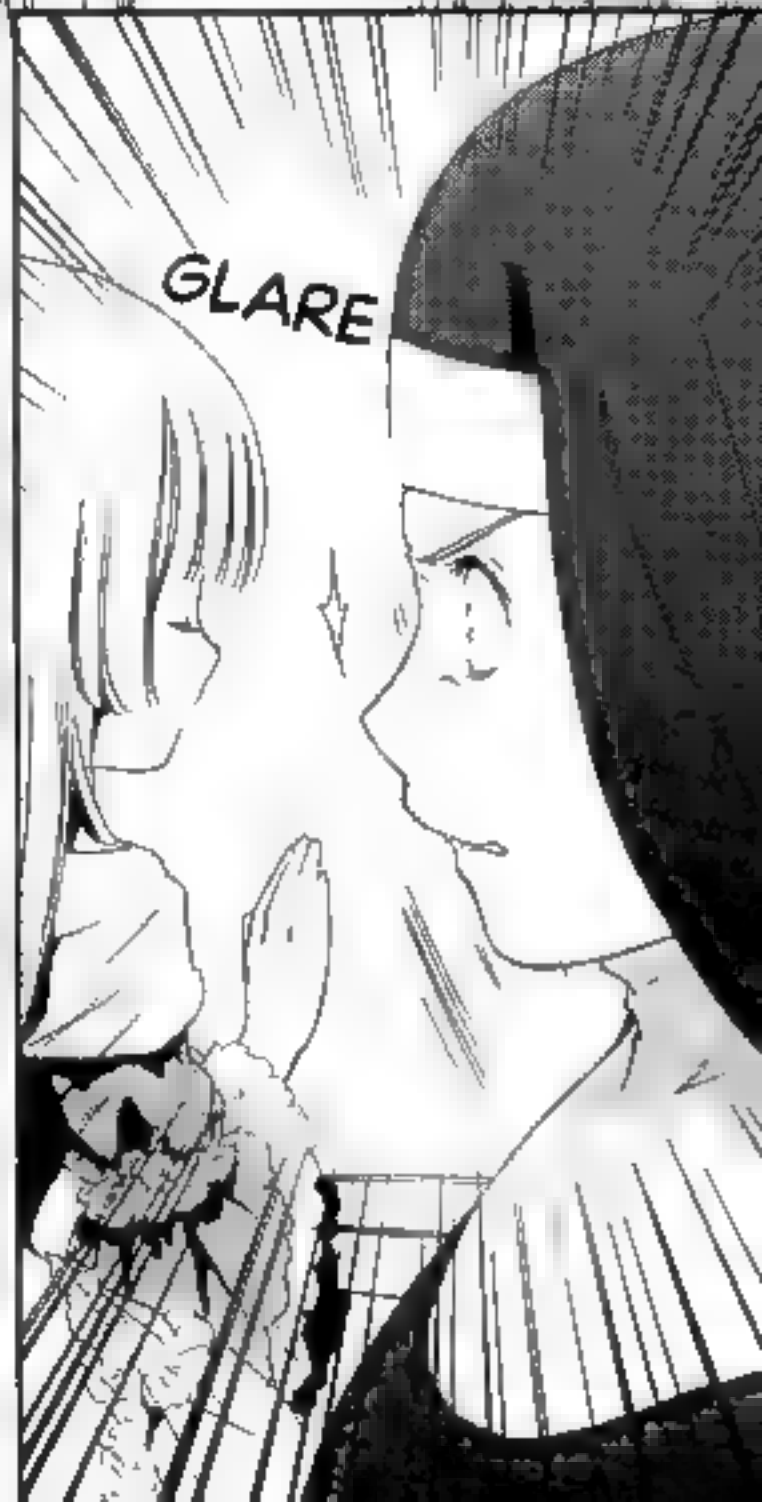
IMPA

TIENT

T









HMM. AND WHO WAS THE GIRL WITH YOU TOO, YESTERDAY?



OH, THAT WAS A GIRL NAMED AVRIL. SHE'S IN THE SAME CLASS —



AH...I'M KUJO KAZUYA. THIS IS MY FRIEND VICTORIQUE



THE STOLEN PLATE...

...SPEAKING OF YESTERDAY, WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?



IT'S REALLY A MYSTERY...

GIGGLE



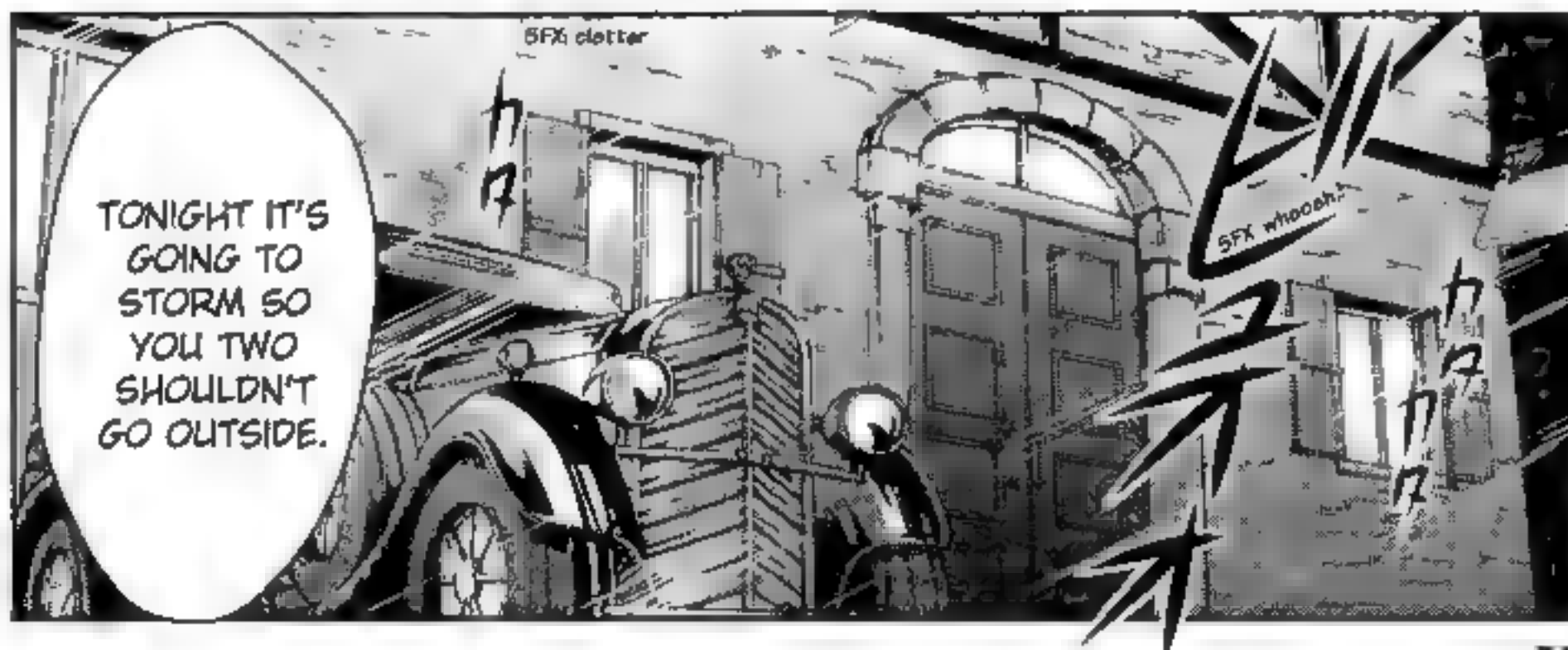
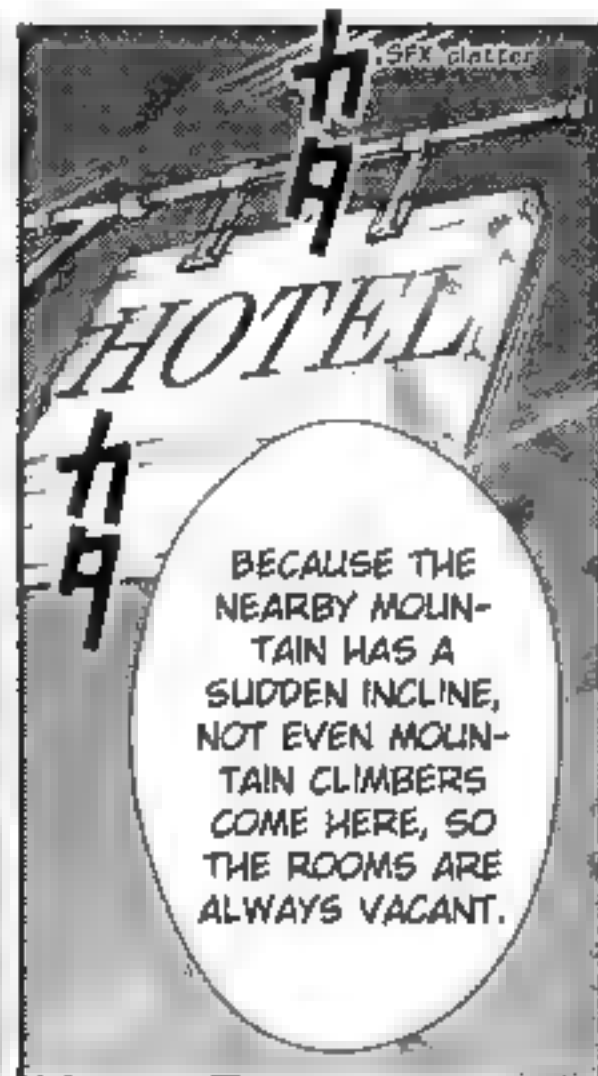
HMM...WHO COULD IT POSSIBLY BE?


WHO THE HECK IS THE CULPRIT..



IT'S LOST.

WELL ANYWAYS, IT WASN'T FOUND






IN THE PAST, THE
GREY WOLVES
INHABITED THE
NEARBY MOUNTAIN
RECESSES.


GREY
WOLVES?



THE GREY
WOLVES
COME OUT
ON A
NIGHT LIKE
THIS




ON EVENINGS
WHEN THE
WIND WAS
STRONG,
THEY WOULD
DESCEND
FROM THE
MOUNTAINS
AND KILL
PEOPLE...

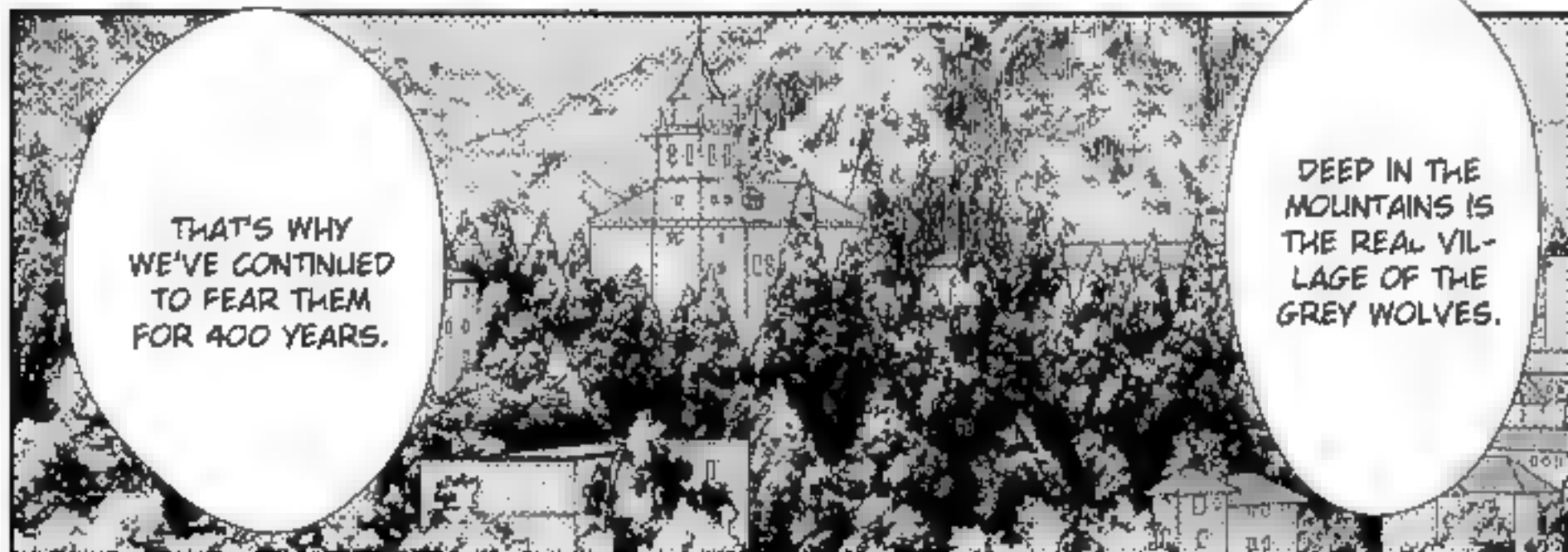


SO THAT GREY WOLF
LEGEND YOU'RE TALK-
ING ABOUT IS ALSO
ALL OVER SAUVILLE,
ISN'T IT?

IF YOU DON'T WANT
TO HURT YOUR CUTE
CHEEKS, YOU'D
BETTER NOT GO
OUTSIDE.



NO...THE ONES
IN HOROVITZ
ARE THE REAL
THING.



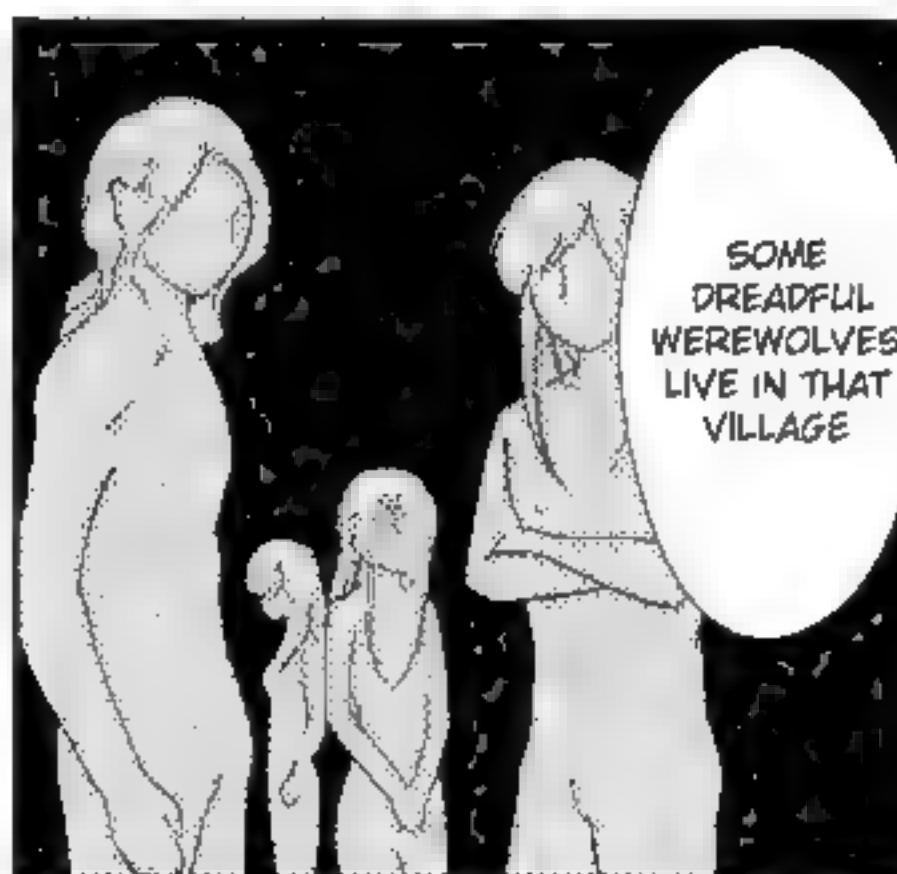
THAT'S WHY
WE'VE CONTINUED
TO FEAR THEM
FOR 400 YEARS.

DEEP IN THE
MOUNTAINS IS
THE REAL VIL-
LAGE OF THE
GREY WOLVES.



WEREWOLVES
...ARE HUMANS,
AREN'T THEY?

IN
APPEAR-
ANCE...



SOME
DREADFUL
WEREWOLVES
LIVE IN THAT
VILLAGE



THE PEOPLE OF
SALVILLE HAVE
VARIOUS HAIR
COLORS AND
PHYSIQUES,
RIGHT?

AND EVERYONE
HAS COOKIE-
CUTTER LOOKS
WITH THE SAME
APPEARANCE.

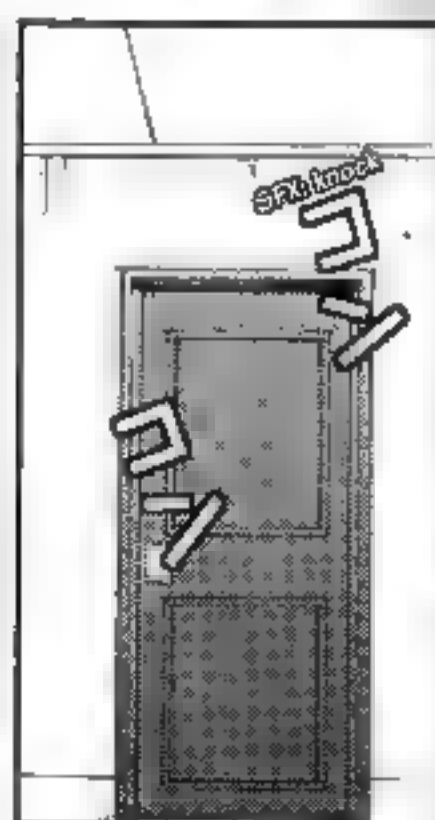
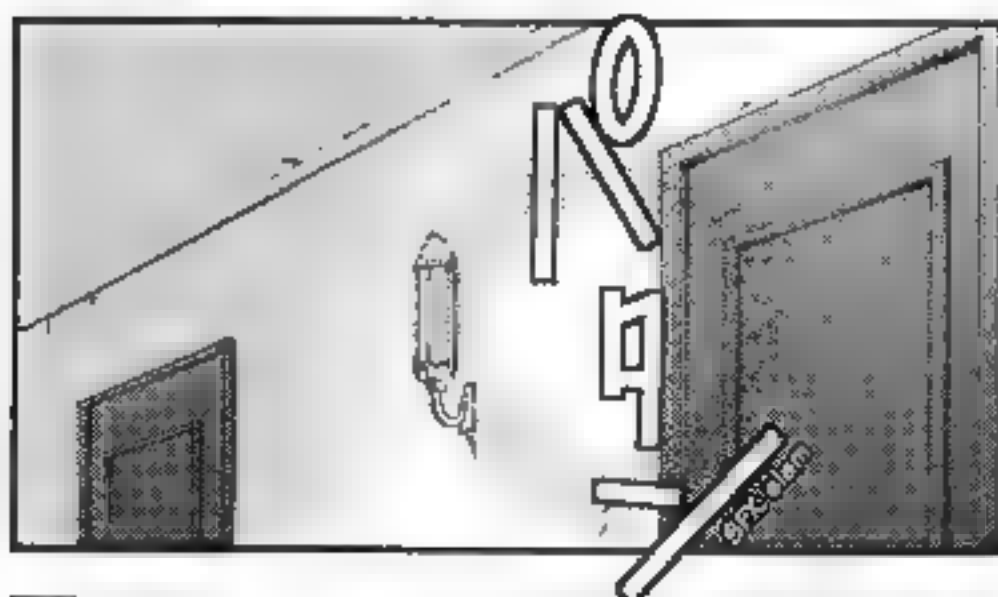
THINK ABOUT
IT! THEY'VE LIVED
IN THE MOUNTAIN
RECESSES FOR
HUNDREDS OF YEARS
WITH PEOPLE NOT
BEING AWARE
OF IT!



ROSY
CHEEKS
AND A
SMALL
BODY

WELL, THEY
ALL HAVE
LIGHT SKIN
AND BLONDE
WAVY HAIR...







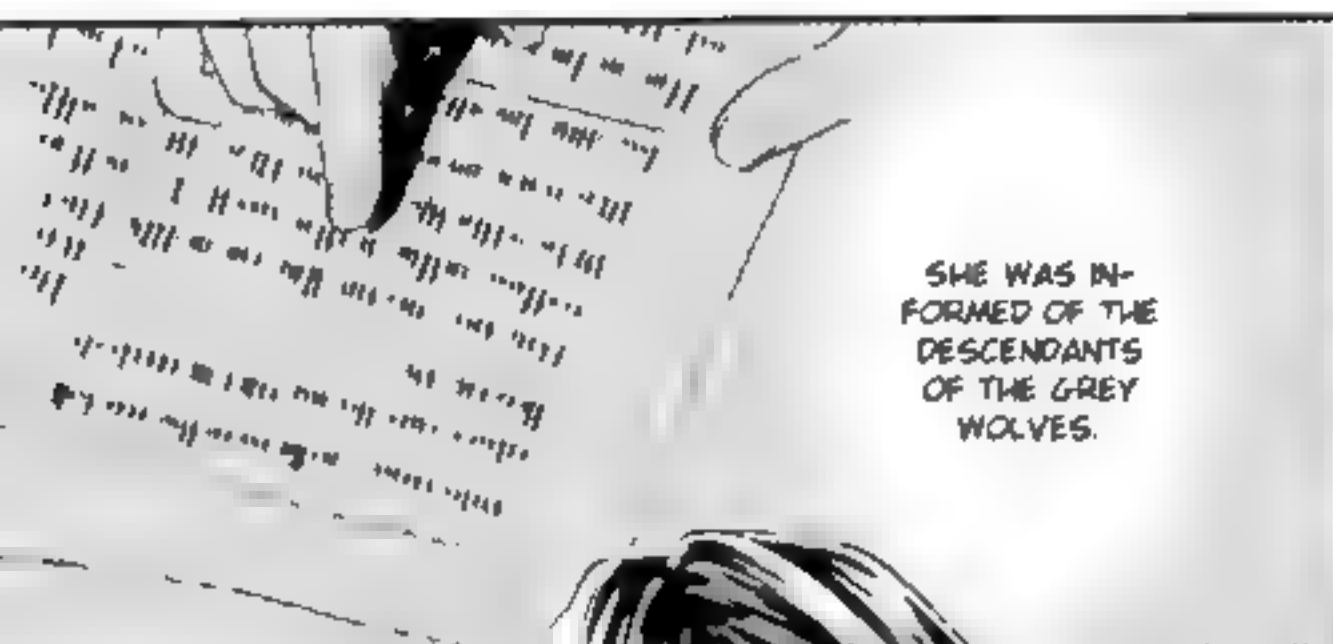
EVEN SO,
WHY...

I'M A CAPTIVE
PRINCESS,
AFTER ALL.

MOREOVER,
YOU HAD TO
LEAVE
CAMPUS,
RIGHT?

SHE HASN'T
SAID ANY-
THING AND
I'VE ACCOM-
PANIED HER
TO THIS POINT
BUT...

IF ANYONE
FOUND OUT
WE LEFT
CAMPUS ON
OUR OWN
ACCORD, IT'D
BECOME A
REAL PROB-
LEM!



SHE WAS IN-
FORMED OF THE
DESCENDANTS
OF THE GREY
WOLVES.



THERE HAD
TO BE SOME-
THING IN THAT
MESSAGE!





AND THE NEIGH-
BORING PRIEST
SCHOOL IS
NEARBY TOO.

IT'S A SMALL
TOWN. IF
SOMEONE WERE
TO LEAVE,
EVERYONE
WOULD REMEM-
BER THEM!



SHE WAS
RAISED IN
THIS TOWN

...THERE'S
NO WAY!



..NO,
IT'S NOT
THAT.

HOW'D YOU
COME TO
HEAR THAT
STUFF?



UM...ABOUT THE
ADVERTISEMENT
IN THE PAPER...



WHAT KIND
OF MISUN-
DERSTAND-
ING IS THIS?

—OH?!

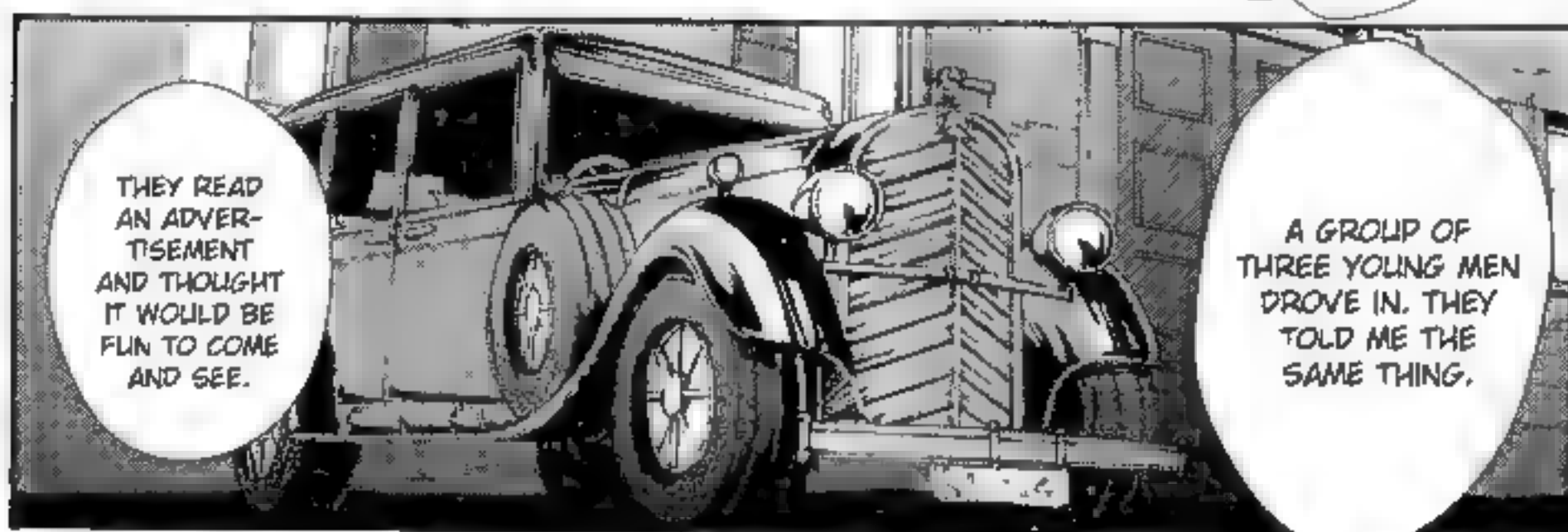


YEAH! THEY
CAME UP
WITH THEIR
GERMAN CAR.

YOU SAID
"ALSO"...THERE
ARE PEOPLE
OTHER THAN
US HERE?!



I'M SHOCKED!
YOU THREE ARE
ALSO ONE OF
THOSE TYPES
TO COME
HERE?!



THEY READ
AN ADVER-
TISEMENT
AND THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE
FUN TO COME
AND SEE.

A GROUP OF
THREE YOUNG MEN
DROVE IN. THEY
TOLD ME THE
SAME THING.

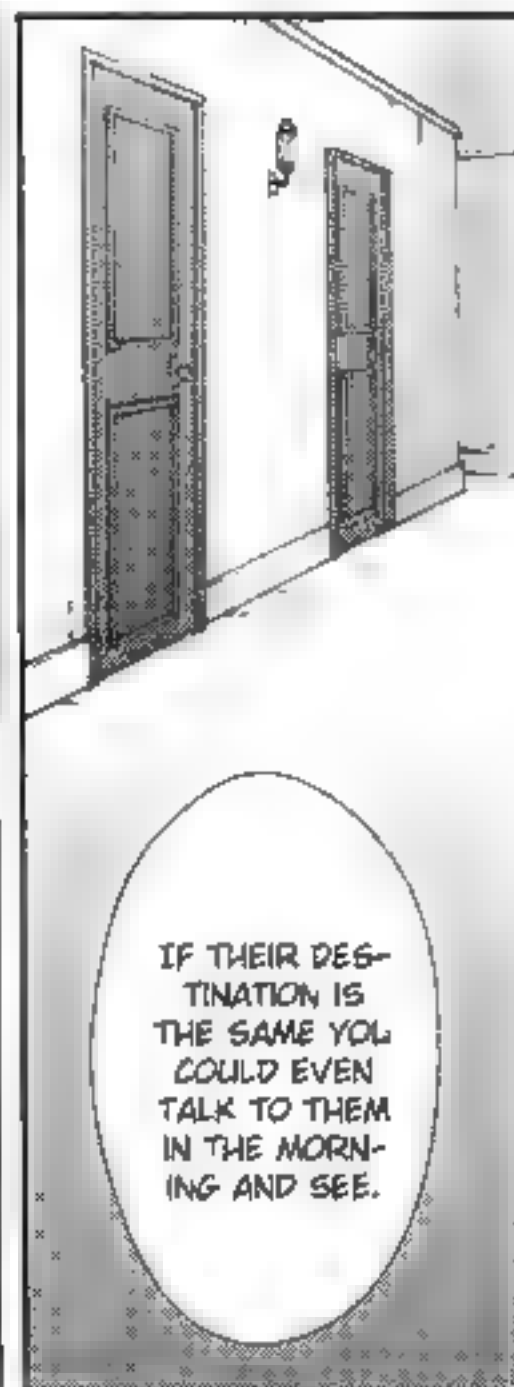


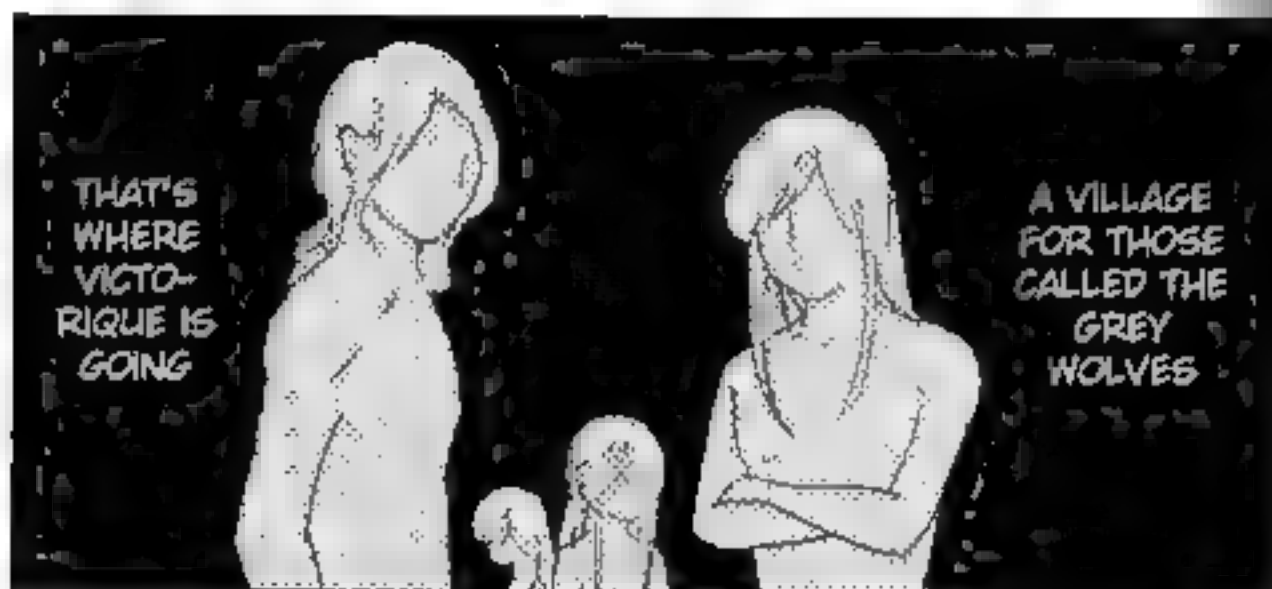
THE PEACEFUL
GREY WOLVES
WILL NEVER
FORGIVE THEIR
CURIOSITY...



...PROB-
ABLY
GOING TO
SEE SOME
BLOOD-
SHED
..

IT'S SUPERSTI-
TION AFTER ALL,
THEY MADE
LIGHT OF IT AND
LAUGHED...





THAT'S
WHERE
VICTO-
RIQUE IS
GOING

A VILLAGE
FOR THOSE
CALLED THE
GREY
WOLVES

EVEN THOUGH
THE INTERIOR OF
THE MOUNTAIN
RANGE WAS
THERE 400
YEARS AGO

THEY NEVER
GAVE IT A
NAME...
THAT'S
WEIRD...

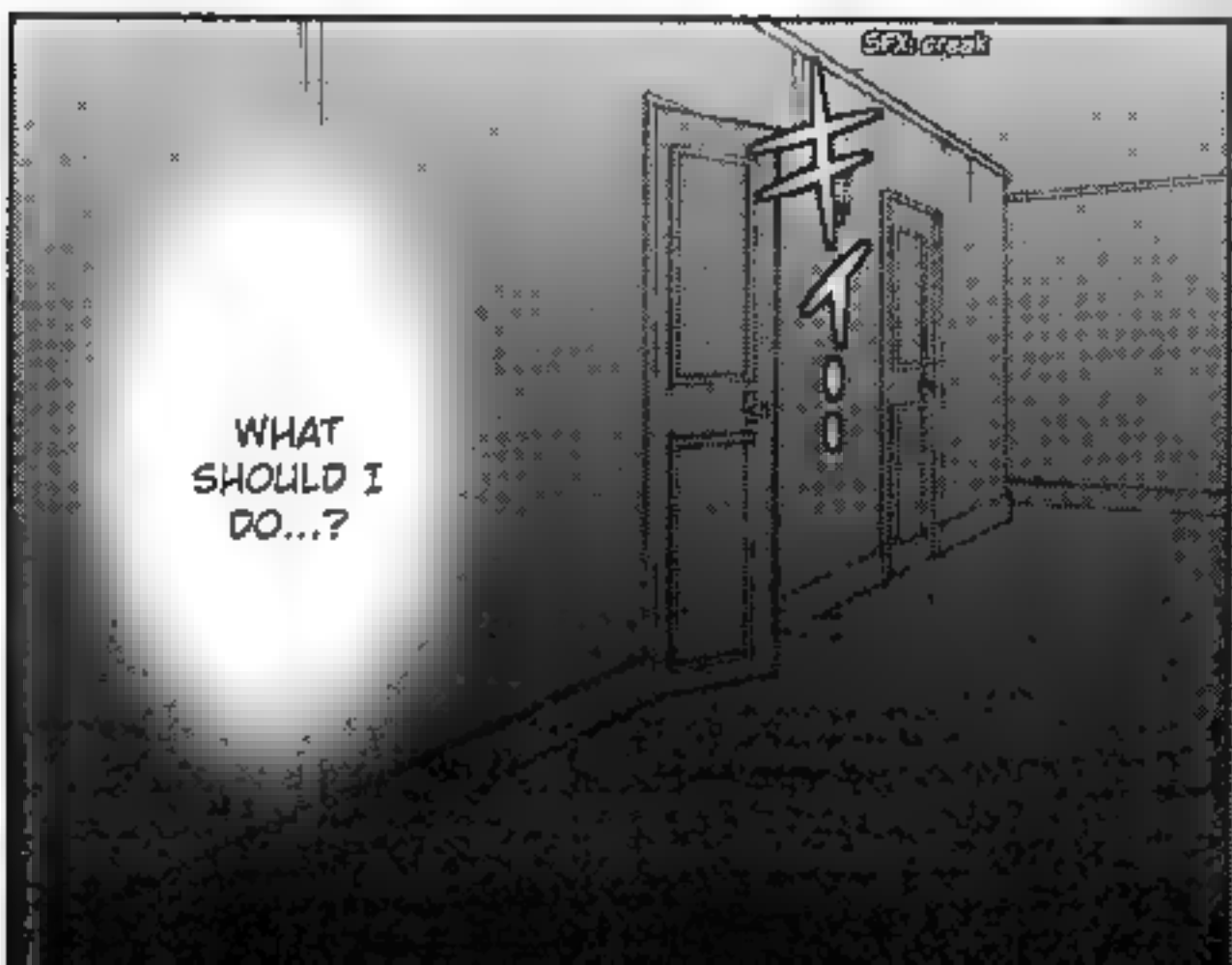


WHY TO A
PLACE LIKE
THAT?

ROLL



BECAUSE
YOU DIDN'T
SAY ANY-
THING...



WHAT
SHOULD I
DO...?

SFX: creak

A NAMELESS
VILLAGE —

THUD

SRt creek

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

AH... VICTO-
RIQUE'S FOOT-
STEPS...

THUD

HUH?





snuggle...

UHH...

AHHHHH!

WHY DID YOU
SNEAK INTO A
LADIES ROOM
WITHOUT PER-
MISSION?

WHAT,
KUJO?

BOUNCE

I'M NOT!

what
a
rude
guy

ARE YOU
HALF
ASLEEP?

WHAT?!
VICTO-
RIQUE...







IS IT BECAUSE
OF THAT PRI-
VATE ADVER-
TISEMENT IN
THE PAPER?



I TOLD YOU I
COULDN'T
LEAVE CAMPUS,
RIGHT?

EVEN STILL,
WHY ...!

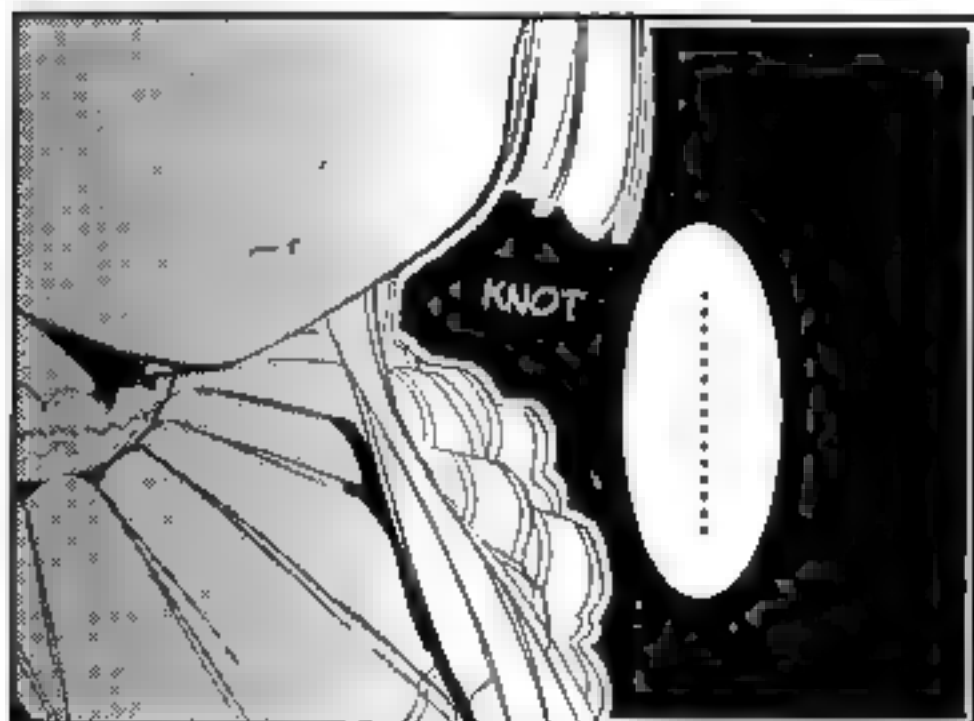


...VICTO-
RIQUE...

WHY DID
YOU COME
TO A PLACE
LIKE THIS?



...I...VICTO
RIQUE...



KNOT

.....



— SOME-
ONE...

I HAVE COME
TO... CLEAR
SOMEONE'S
NAME...



YOU'RE A
VERY IM-
PORTANT
FRIEND TO
ME

WHICH IS
WHY I AC-
COMPANIED
YOU HERE.



SOMEONE?




THAT'S...
VICTORIQUE?

—NO...




Jingle




IN THE
LEGEND OF
THE GREY
WOLVES —

THIS
WOMAN'S
NAME IS
CORDELIA
GALLO.

MY
MOTHER.



...SO VICTO-
RIQUE IS ALSO
—!!



YOUR MOTHER IS
IN THE LEGEND OF
THE GREY
WOLVES?!

THE ONES
CALLED THE
GREY WOLVES,
THEY'RE ALL
NATURALLY
HUMAN.



IT'S SAID
THAT THEIR
DAILY LIVES
WERE DE-
TACHED FROM
CIVILIZATION.

THEY'VE BEEN
LIVING IN THE
MOUNTAINS
SINCE BEGIN-
NING OF THE
SIXTEENTH
CENTURY.

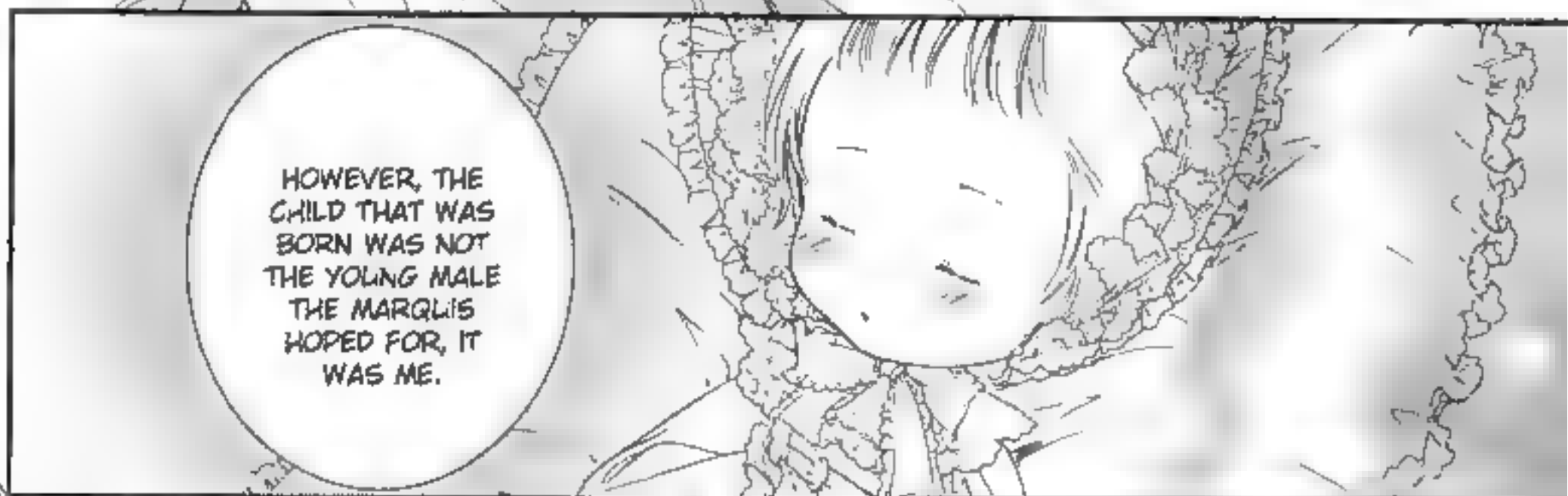


DE BLOIS MARQUIS
WISHED TO TAKE IN
THE SPECIAL
POWER OF THE
GREY WOLVES
THROUGH THE
FAMILY BLOOD.

AND
AT THAT
TIME,

HE KNEW MY
MOTHER WAS
A DANCER
WHO LEFT THE
VILLAGE OF
THE GRAY
WOLVES.


HE CLAIMED
HER AS HIS
OWN.



HOWEVER, THE
CHILD THAT WAS
BORN WAS NOT
THE YOUNG MALE
THE MARQUIS
HOPED FOR, IT
WAS ME.




AFTER THAT,
THE MARQUIS
LEARNED OF MY
MOTHER'S HIS-
TORY...

A black and white illustration of a woman in a long, flowing dress standing in front of a large window. She is looking out the window. The window has multiple panes. The scene is set indoors, possibly in a mansion.

THE MARQUIS
REGRETTED
BRINGING THIS
CURSED BLOOD
INTO HIS FAMILY.

AND I WAS KEPT
IN ONE OF THE
MANSIONS HIGH
TOWER.

A black and white illustration of a woman in a large, ornate dress with a high collar and a large bow at the back. She is looking down. The background is dark with radiating lines, suggesting a dramatic or intense scene.

MY MOTHER
WAS A
CRIMINAL.

MY MOM, WHO
WORKED IN THE
VILLAGE AS A
MAID, COMMITTED
A TERRIBLE CRIME
ONE NIGHT AND
WAS EXILED FROM
THE VILLAGE.

A black and white illustration of a close-up of a woman's face. She has long, dark hair and is looking down. The background is dark with radiating lines, suggesting a dramatic or intense scene.

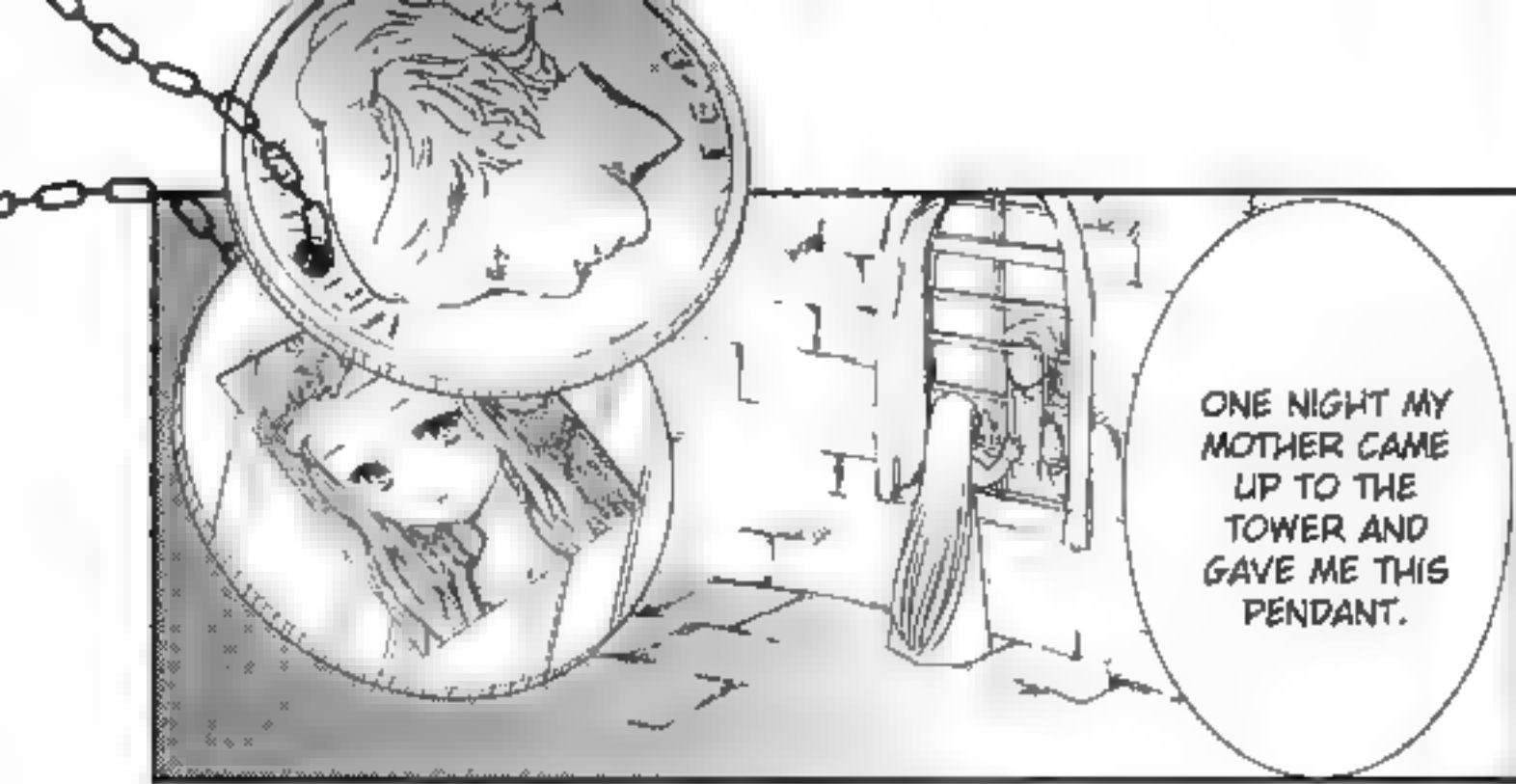
WITH ONLY
BOOKS...

AND MORE THAN
ENOUGH TIME
PROVIDED—

A black and white illustration of a woman in a long, flowing dress standing in front of a large window. She is looking out the window. The window has multiple panes. The scene is set indoors, possibly in a mansion.

I'M BORED.

AAH...
KUJO...



I'M SO BORED
I COULD DIE..



THAT'S NOT
RIGHT.

MY EXISTENCE AS
WELL WOULD
ALSO HAVE —



IT ALL LEADS
US BACK TO
THE SOURCE


THE NIGHT
MY MOTHER
COMMITTED
HER HOR-
RIBLE
CRIME.

IF IT WEREN'T
THEN, MY
MOTHER
WOULDN'T HAVE
BEEN EXILED
FROM THE
VILLAGE.




RAINING





SO I'M NOT
LEAVING
UNTIL WE
PROVE
CORDELIA'S
INNOCENCE.

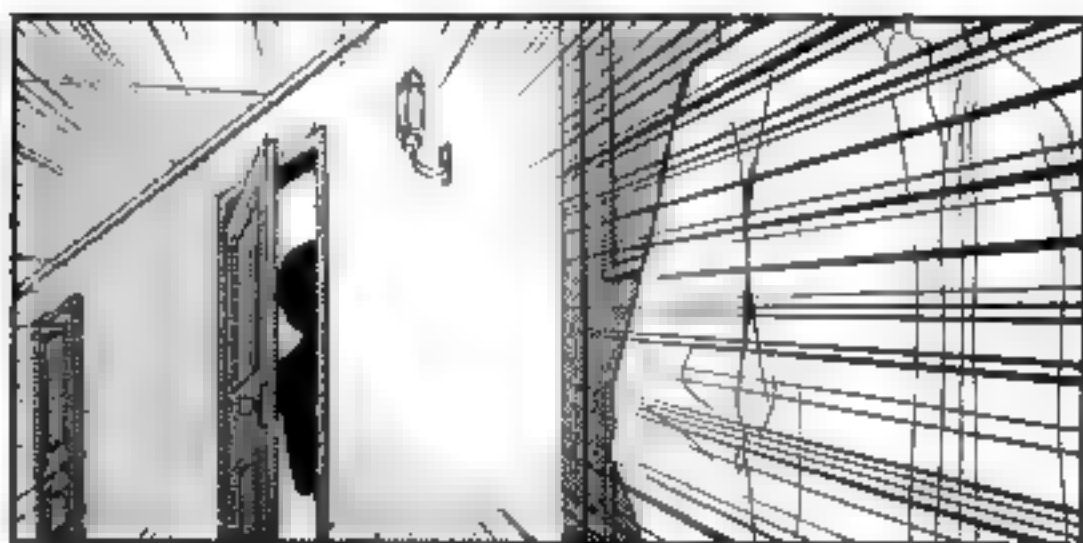


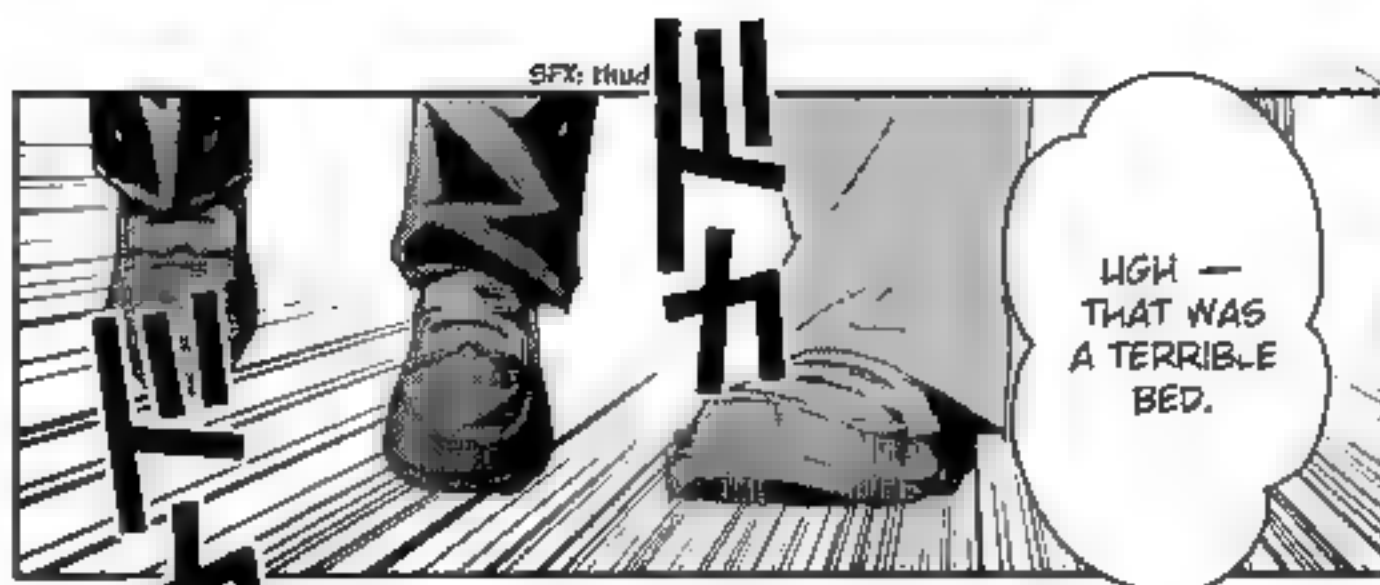
THIS IS A
BATTLE

THE VILLAGE
OF THE GREY
WOLVES
VERSUS A
GIRL...



—RIGHT.











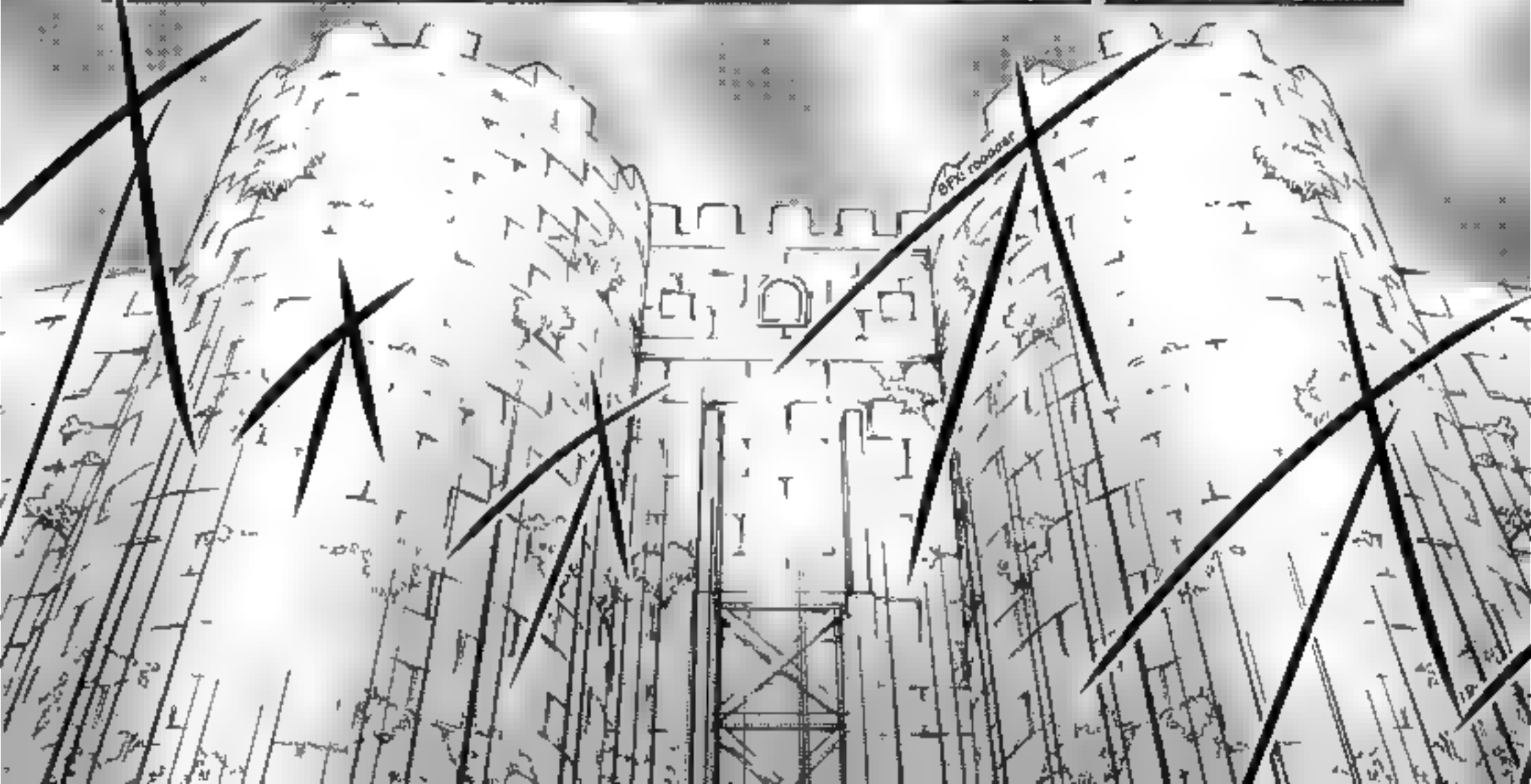






HEY!
LOOK
AT
THAT!

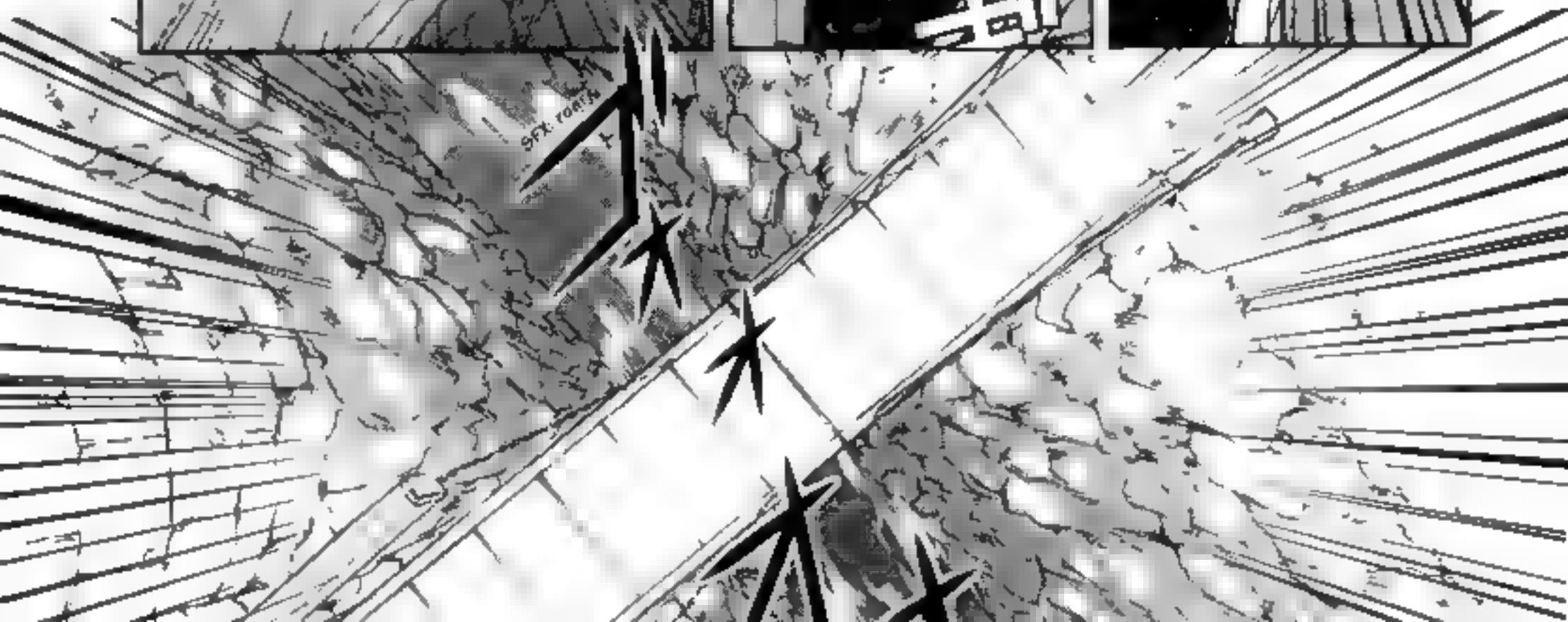
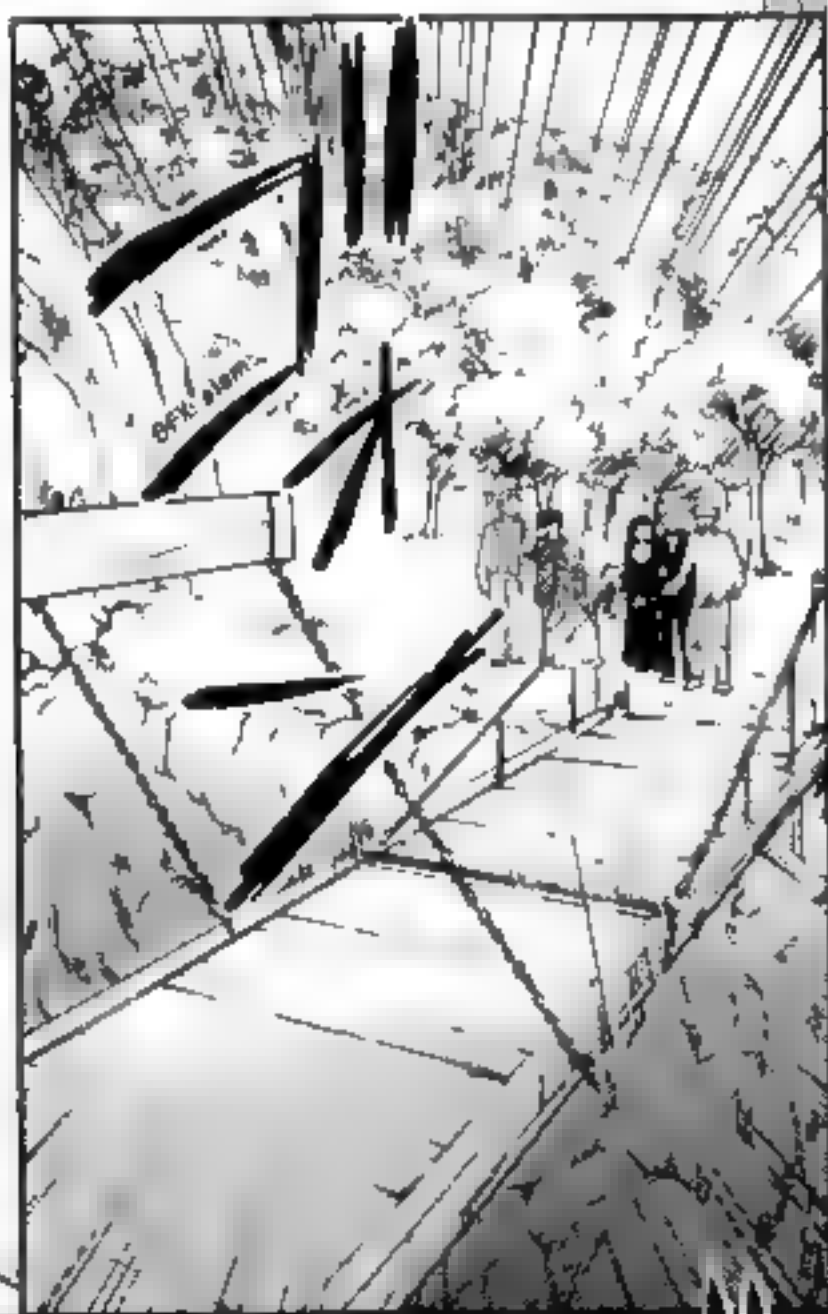
IT'S
AMA-
ZING!

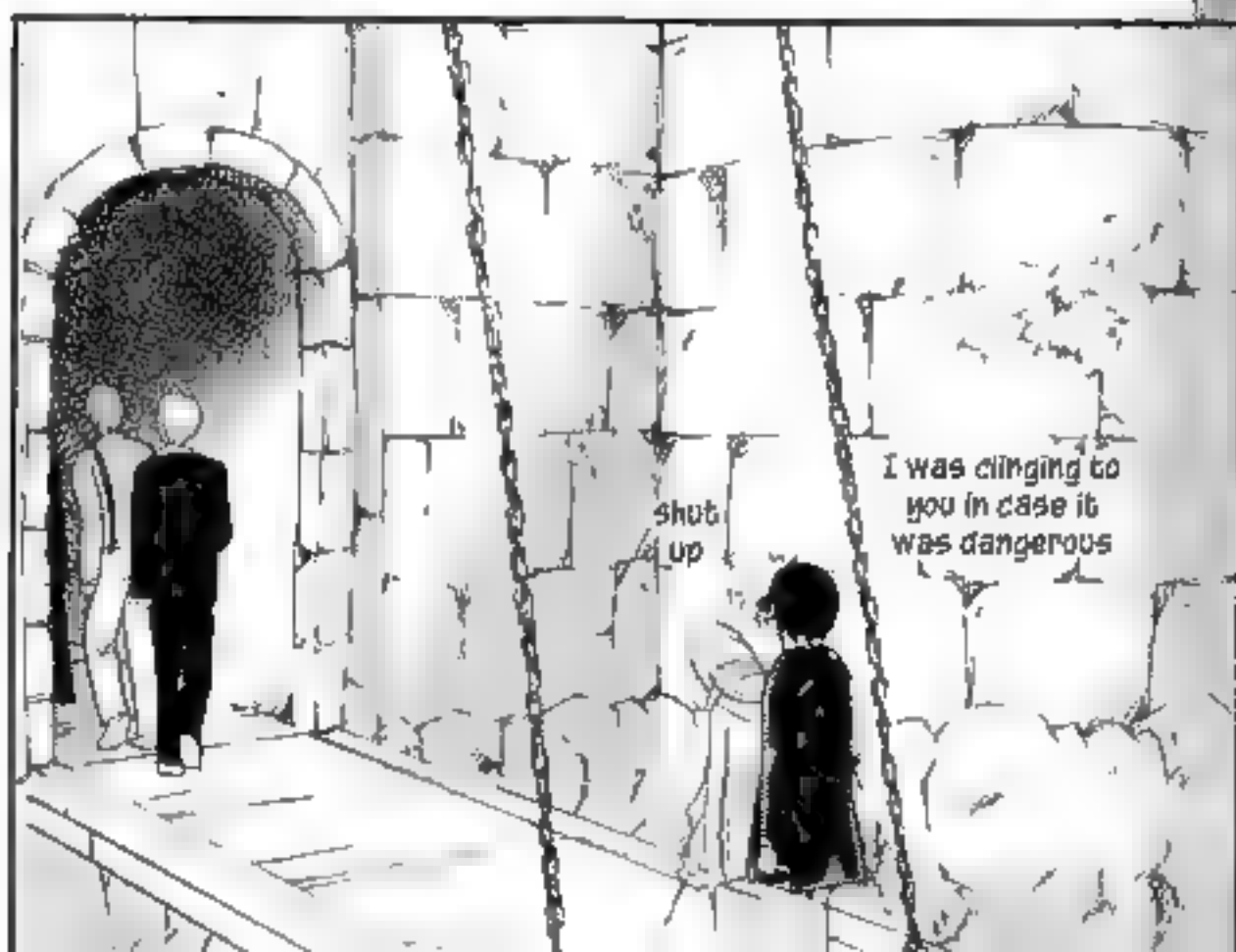




I'LL COME
BACK TO
PICK YOU
UP TO-
MORROW


IT'S SAID THAT
TOMORROW
MORNING THE
MIDSUMMER FES-
TIVAL BEGINS AND
ENDS AT NIGHT.











LOOK, IT'S
THE SPIT-
TING IMAGE-

CORDE-
LIA...?



IT'S
CORDELIA'S
DAUGHTER.


AN ILL
OMEN...!!

PRO-
VOKING
..

A SINISTER
DAUGHTER



GHOSTS?



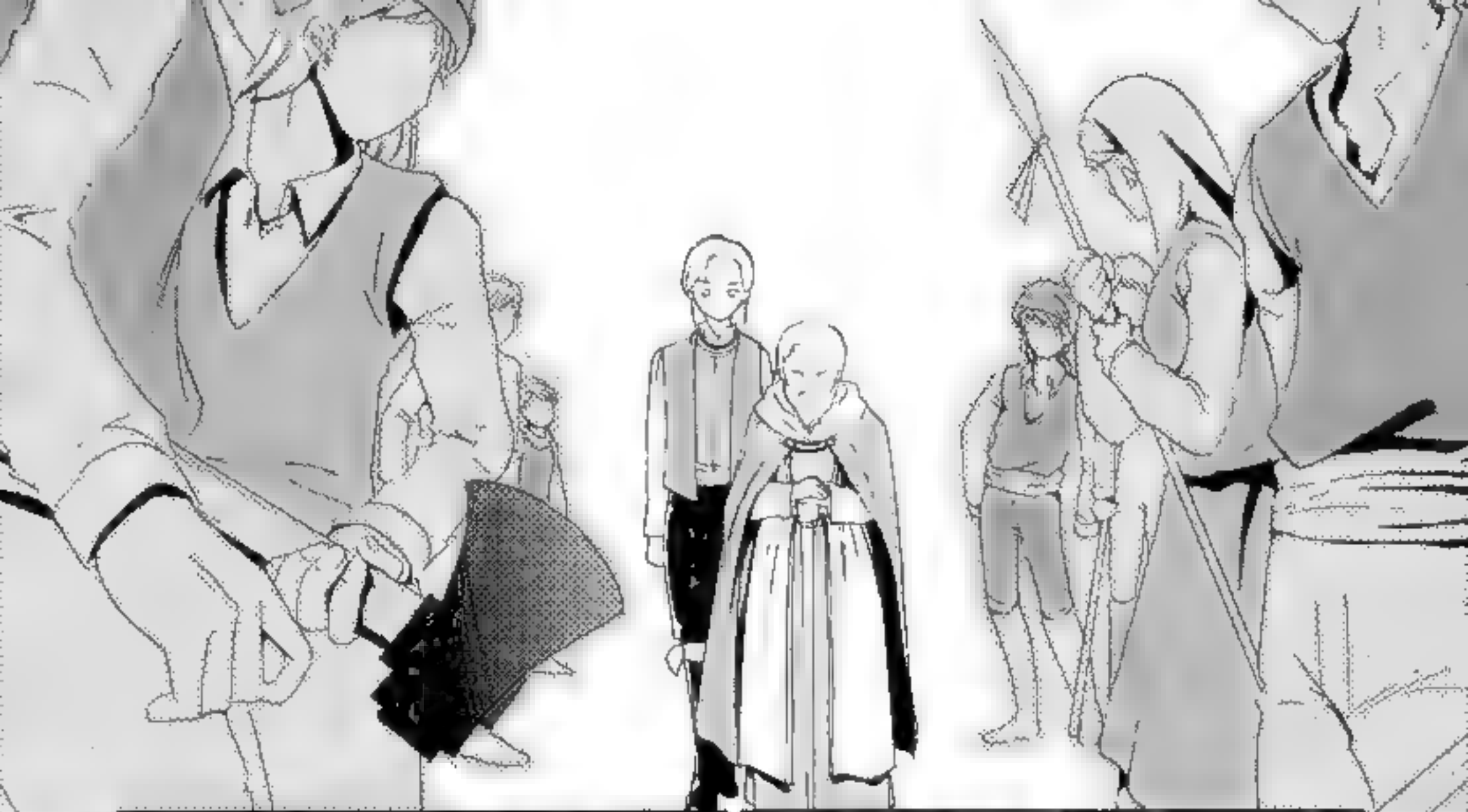
I HAVE A
BAD FEEL-
ING ABOUT
THEM...



PURIFY IT!!

A DAUGHTER
THAT BRINGS
CATASTROPHE...







EVEN THOUGH
CORDELIA

MURDERED
THE VILLAGE
ELDER. EVEN
IF SHE'S A
MURDERER...

Goethe



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CORDELIA'S DAUGHTER





WHAT'S
YOUR NAME,
MISS?

VICTORIQUE
DE BLOIS.



SO
YOU'VE
GOT THE
BLOOD OF
NOBILITY
MIXED IN
YOU...

DID YOU
SAY, DE
BLOIS...?



I SEE...
CRIMINALS
DON'T HAVE
MUCH TIME TO
FEEL AT EASE.



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR
MOTHER...
CORDELIA?

SHE
DISAP-
PEARED



SHE WAS
FOOLISH TO
OPPOSE AN
ELDER...

CORDELIA
EVEN WENT
AGAINST WHAT
I SAID AND SHE
WAS DRIVEN
AWAY FROM
THIS VILLAGE.

HMPF

CORDELIA
WASN'T A
CRIMINAL.



YES,
SERGIUS-
SAMA.

AMBROSE,
CAN YOU
GUIDE THESE
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN
TO THE
ESTATE?

..COME
NOW,
THAT'S
ENOUGH.



PLEASE COME
THIS WAY. I'LL
LEAD YOU TO
THE ESTATE OF
THE LEADER OF
THE VILLAGE.



IT'S A
"MIDSLUMMER
FESTIVAL".
IT'S A FESTIVAL
TO CALL FOR
THE ANCESTORS'
SPIRITS TO PRAY
FOR ABUNDANT
CROPS UNTIL
SUMMER
RETURNS.

WHAT'S
THIS,
ARE THEY
HOLDING A
FESTIVAL OR
SOMETHING?

THUMP

CLATTER



WE CELEBRATE
THE SUMMER'S
VICTORY AND
THEN PREPARE
TO MEET THE
ANCESTORS.



AFTER
THAT, YOUNG
MEN WILL
DRESS UP TO
RE-ENACT A
PLAY IN THE
PLAZA.

THE
"SUMMER
ARMY" AND
"WINTER ARMY"
FIGHT AND IT
WILL FINISH WITH
THE TRIUMPH OF
SUMMER.

THE WINTER
ARMY'S
GENERAL IS
OVER-
THROWN...



A FLOAT WILL
COME OUT AT
THE PLAZA
TOMORROW
AT DAWN WHICH
HAS A MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT THAT
WILL SOUND TO
GUIDE EVERYONE
TO THE BEGINNING
OF THE FESTIVAL
IN THE SHRINE
GROVE.

THERE WILL BE
LITTLE TIME
AFTERWARDS.
ANOTHER FESTIVAL
WILL START
JUST BEFORE
NOON.

YOU GUYS WILL
THROW THE
SIBERIAN HAZEL-
NUT SEED TO
SIGNAL THE START
OF IT.



WITH THIS,
THE FESTIVAL
ENDS AND WE
WILL BE PROMISED
ONE YEAR OF
PEACE AND
ABUNDANT
CROPS.

AND WHEN IT
BECOMES NIGHT,
THE CHOSEN
VILLAGERS PUT
ON A MASK AND
RETURN TO THE
TEMPLE DISGUISED
AND DANCE.

FOR
JUST THAT
TIME, THE
TEMPLE IS
UNINHABITED.

THE
ANCESTORS
ARE SAID TO
GO BY THE
ANCESTOR
TEMPLE AND
RETURN TO
THE PLAZA,
SO



YOU GUYS ARE FREE
TO STAY AND FEAST
WITH US UP UNTIL
TOMORROW EVENING,
WHEN THE FESTIVAL
ENDS.



GASP



UNTIL
TOMORROW
EVENING,
HUIH.



WHAT DO YOU DO EVERY DAY!?

EEH!? YOU'VE NEVER BEEN OUT OF THE VILLAGE?

FLUENT SPEECH

S F L
P E - U
E C N
H T



THEN I BET YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS BEFORE, IT'S SWISS-MADE?



GLARE

And this was made in Germany

TO DO THAT DURING THE STAY HERE--

CORDELIA WASN'T A CRIMINAL

VICTOR QUE CAME HERE TO CLEAR HER MOTHER'S NAME

SHE'S ONLY GOT A DAY AND A HALF LEFT!





TO ENTER
THE SAFE
VILLAGE,
THE ONLY
WAY IS TO
CROSS THE
DRAWBRIDGE.

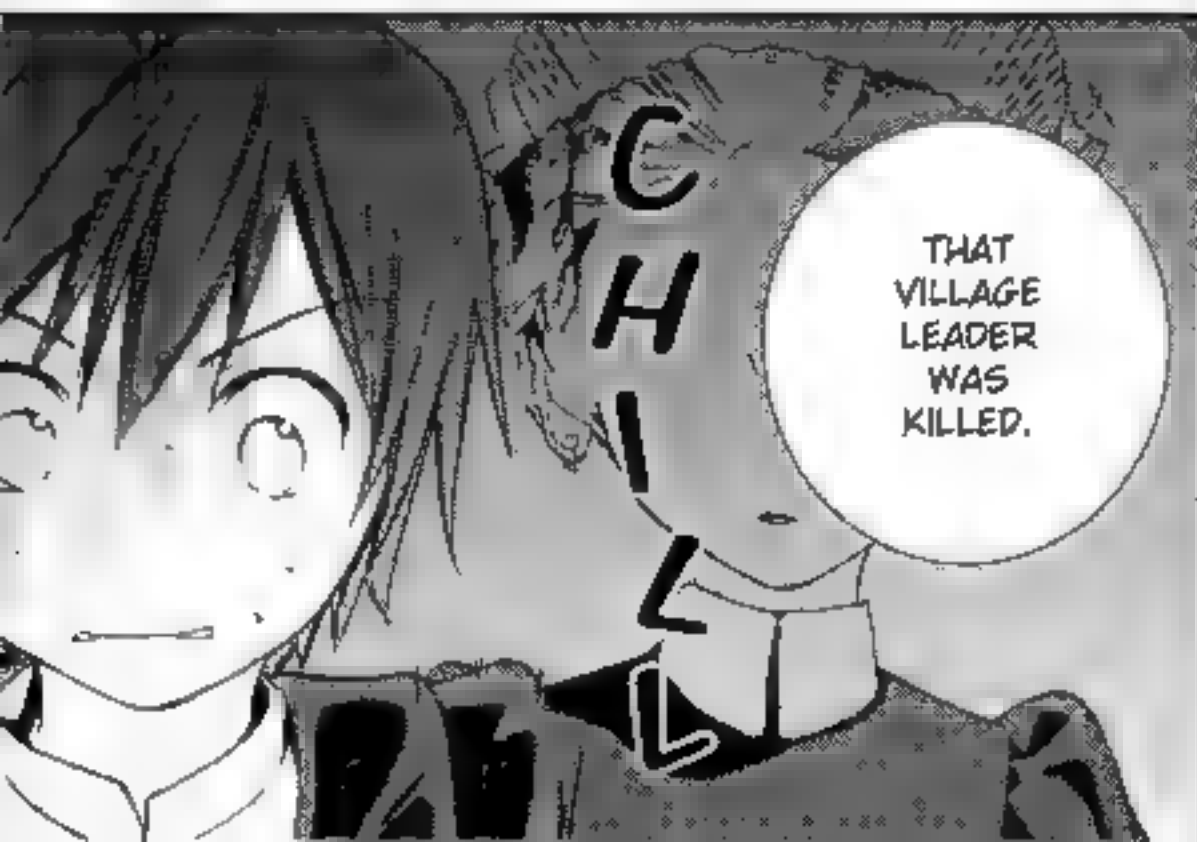
THE SHRINE
GROVE IS
HARD FOR THEM
TO UNDERSTAND.
THERE ARE MANY
CLIFFS SO IF
THE GREY
WOLVES
COME AGAIN,
THEY WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO
ENTER THERE



YOU MAY
STAY HERE
AT MY PLACE
UNTIL THE
MIDSUMMER
FESTIVAL.




THIS
IS MY
CASTLE.





SHE IS THIS
CASTLE'S
MAID



HER NAME
IS HARMINIA




GLANCE



YOU'RE A
SPITTING
IMAGE OF
CORDELIA.



**HAR-
MINIA!**



THEODORE-
SAMA...
WITH A
DAGGER...



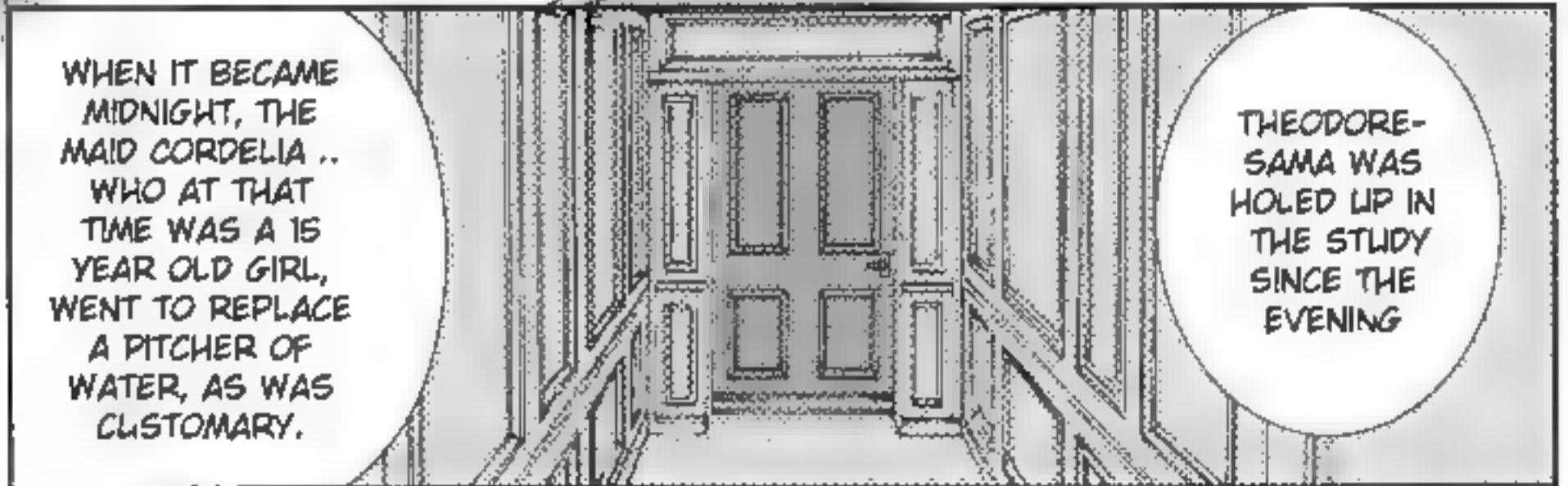
THE PREVIOUS
VILLAGE
LEADER--
CORDELIA
DISTRIBUTED
GOLD COINS
IN THEODORE-
SAMA'S
STUDY.



I WAS A
CHILD BUT I
REMEMBER
VERY
CLEARLY.



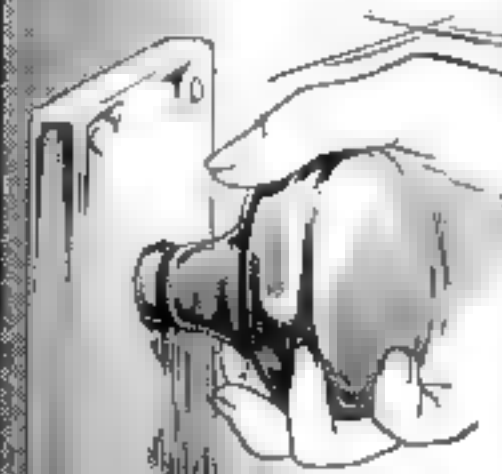
HAR-
MINIA



CORDELIA
GOT HER
KEY AND
UNLOCKED
THE DOOR



THE DOOR
THAT WAS
ALWAYS
OPENED WAS
LOCKED ON
THAT DAY AND
WOULDN'T
OPEN AS
USUAL



THEODORE-
SAMA LOCKED
THE DOOR
WHEN
HE DIDN'T
WANT TO BE
DISTURBED

RATTL E S

THAT DAY,
WHEN I
HAPPENED TO
PASS BY THE
HALLWAY,
I SAW
CORDELIA
GOING TO
ENTER HIS
STUDY



HOWEVER,
THE MEN
THAT WERE WITH
ME WILL HAVE
DIFFERING
TESTIMONIES AS
TO THE TIME, SO
THERE'S NO
WAY TO BE
SURE NOW



I REMEMBER
THE TIME
WAS EXACTLY
11 PM ONIGHT,
AS I SAW ON
MY POCKET
WATCH


SOON
AFTER
THAT...

It's full of
potatoes and
vegetables
What a
stingy man!

Is there
no meat
in this








SINCE
THAT
NIGHT,
CORDELIA
WAS SICK
AND
BED
WITH A
HIGH
FEVER


AND WITH
THE CRIME
OF MURDER,
CORDELIA WAS
BANISHED

SO HE
WAITED
FOR
HER
TO GET
UP



THE STUDY
WAS LOCKED
FROM THE
INSIDE. SHE
WOULD HAVE
REALIZED THIS
HERSELF
AS WELL,

AND THAT
THERE WASN'T
ANYONE INSIDE--



... WAIT,
PLEASE!
WHAT
PROOF DO
YOU HAVE
THAT
CORDELIA
IS THE
CULPRIT!?

CLATTER



SHOWS
THAT IT IS
INCONSI-
STENT.

THE
FACT THAT
WHEN SHE
ENTERED THE
STUDY AND
THEODORE-
SAMA WAS
ALREADY
DEAD,



THERE WERE
ONLY 2 KEYS
TO THE STUDY.
ONE KEY, AS
PREVIOUSLY
MENTIONED,
THEODORE-SAMA
CARRIED ON HIS
PERSON

THE OTHER
ONE WAS
ALWAYS IN
CORDELIA'S
POSSESSION



IT'S INCOMPRE-
HENSIBLE FOR
THE CRIMINAL
TO BE ANYONE
OTHER THAN
CORDELIA.

WE
STILL DON'T
KNOW WHAT
OCCURRED
BETWEEN
THE TWO
OF THEM
IN THERE,
HOWEVER



IN THE
EVENT OF
THEODORE-
SAMA'S DEATH,
THE NEXT
VILLAGE
LEADER
WAS ME.

BUT...
THAT
IDEA OF
DEFINITE
PROOF
IS....!!



...CORDELIA
WAS AN
ORPHAN.

BACK
THEN, AS AN
ASSISTANT,
I WAS
HER ONLY
GUARDIAN.



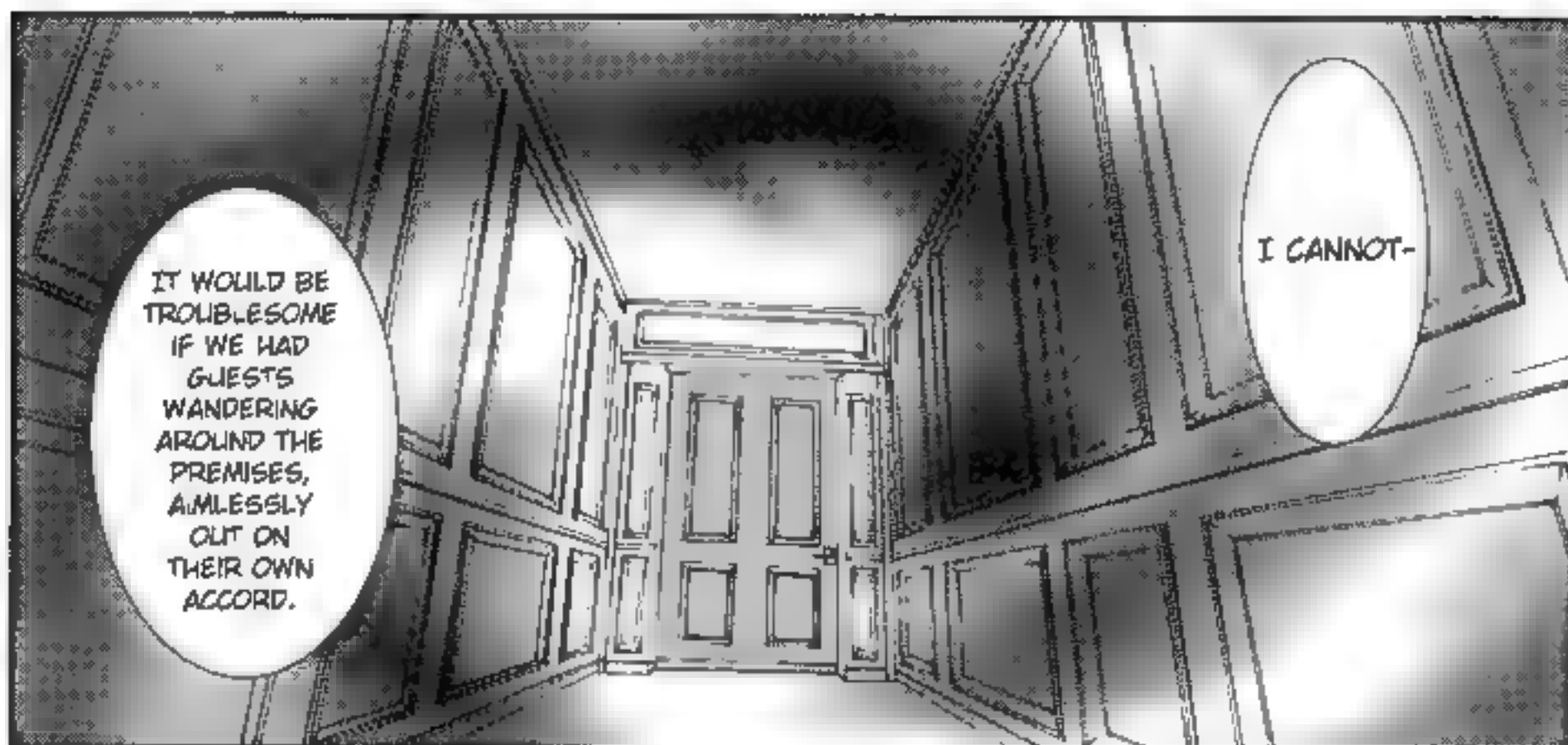
MY DECISION
IS ABSOLUTE.



...IT WAS
ME THAT
PUNISHED
HER.



CAN YOU
SHOW
ME THE
STUDY?



IT WOULD BE
TROUBLESOME
IF WE HAD
GUESTS
WANDERING
AROUND THE
PREMISES,
AIMLESSLY
OUT ON
THEIR OWN
ACCORD.

I CANNOT-



FOR A
WALK

VICTORIQUE!
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING!?

THUD
THUD
THUD





AH...
I HOPE
I DON'T
GET TOO
CARRIED
AWAY

HEH



UHH...
I...

IT'S
BEEN A
LONG TIME
SINCE WE'VE
HAD A FOREIGN
GUEST. I WOULD
LIKE TO TALK
SOME MORE.



HEY YOU,
THERE'S
A PLACE I
WANT YOU TO
SHOW ME

GLOW

GLOW

I'M GLAD...
IT SEEMS
LIKE THIS
PERSON
LIKES US



TO
WHERE
CORDELIA
LIVED.

YES!
WHERE
TO?



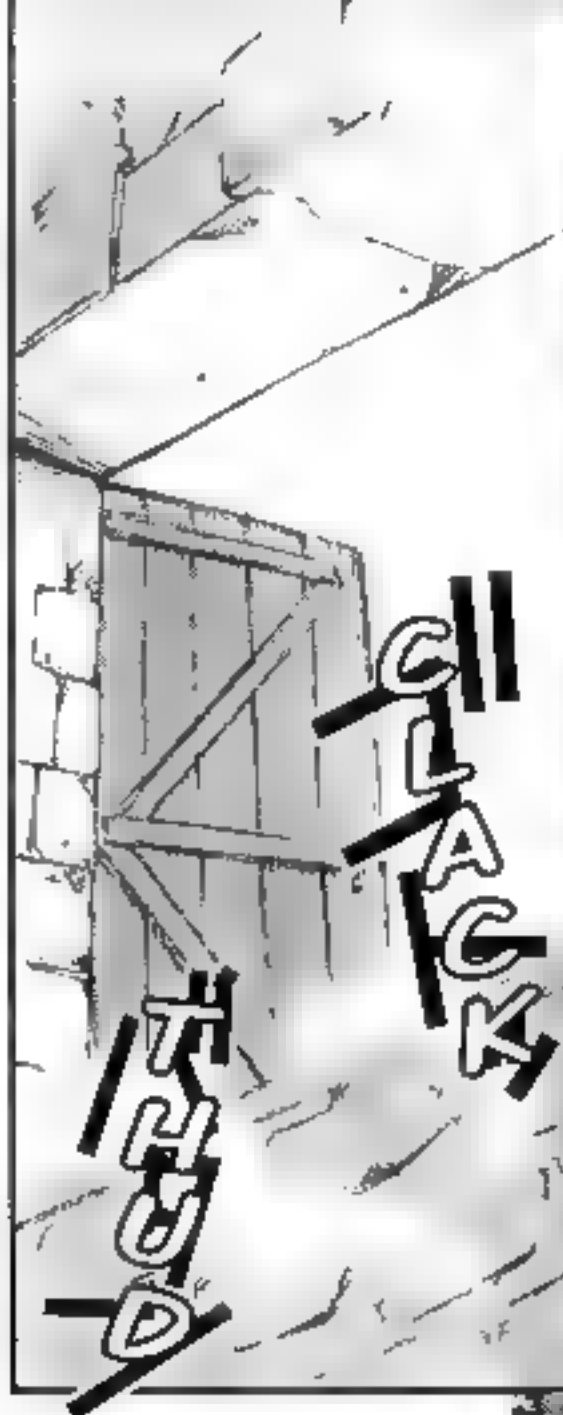
GIVEN
ONE TRUNK
AND A FLAT
GOLD COIN,
SHE WAS
BANISHED
FROM THIS
VILLAGE

WITHOUT
ANYONE
SHOWING
CORDELIA
HOW TO
DESCEND A
MOUNTAIN OR
GIVING HER
SOMETHING
TO EAT
OR WARM
CLOTHES
TO WEAR

AND
HENCEFORTH,
HER DAUGHTER
HAS COME
TO MEANS--

AFTER THAT,
SHE LIVED
IN A CITY
SOMEHOW
HUH...





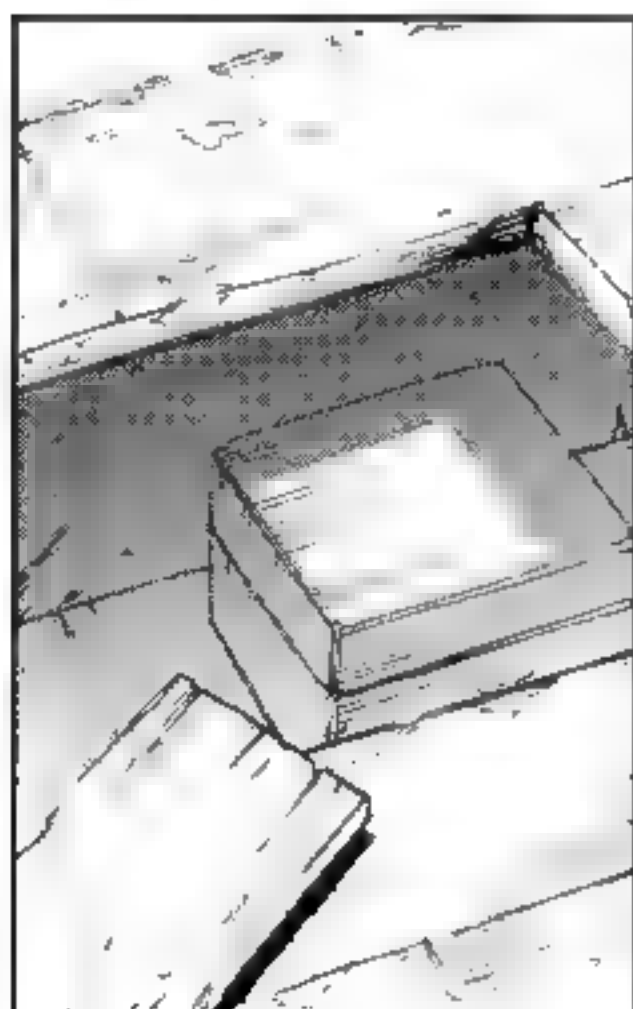
I DON'T
KNOW

VICTORIQUE
WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR!?



UNTIL THEN,
I'M BOUND
TO FIND
SOMETHING!

BUT WE
ONLY HAVE
UNTIL
TOMORROW
EVENING.
WE WON'T
BE IN THIS
VILLAGE
ANYMORE.





...WHAT
IS THAT
PICTURE
DOING IN
SUCH A
PLACE?



.....
KUJO,
THIS IS
ODD

THAT
WAS THE
END OF IT,
SHE WASN'T
SUPPOSED
TO HAVE...
RETURNED



CORDELIA
GALLO WAS
DRIVEN OUT OF
THIS VILLAGE
WHEN SHE WAS
15 YEARS OLD

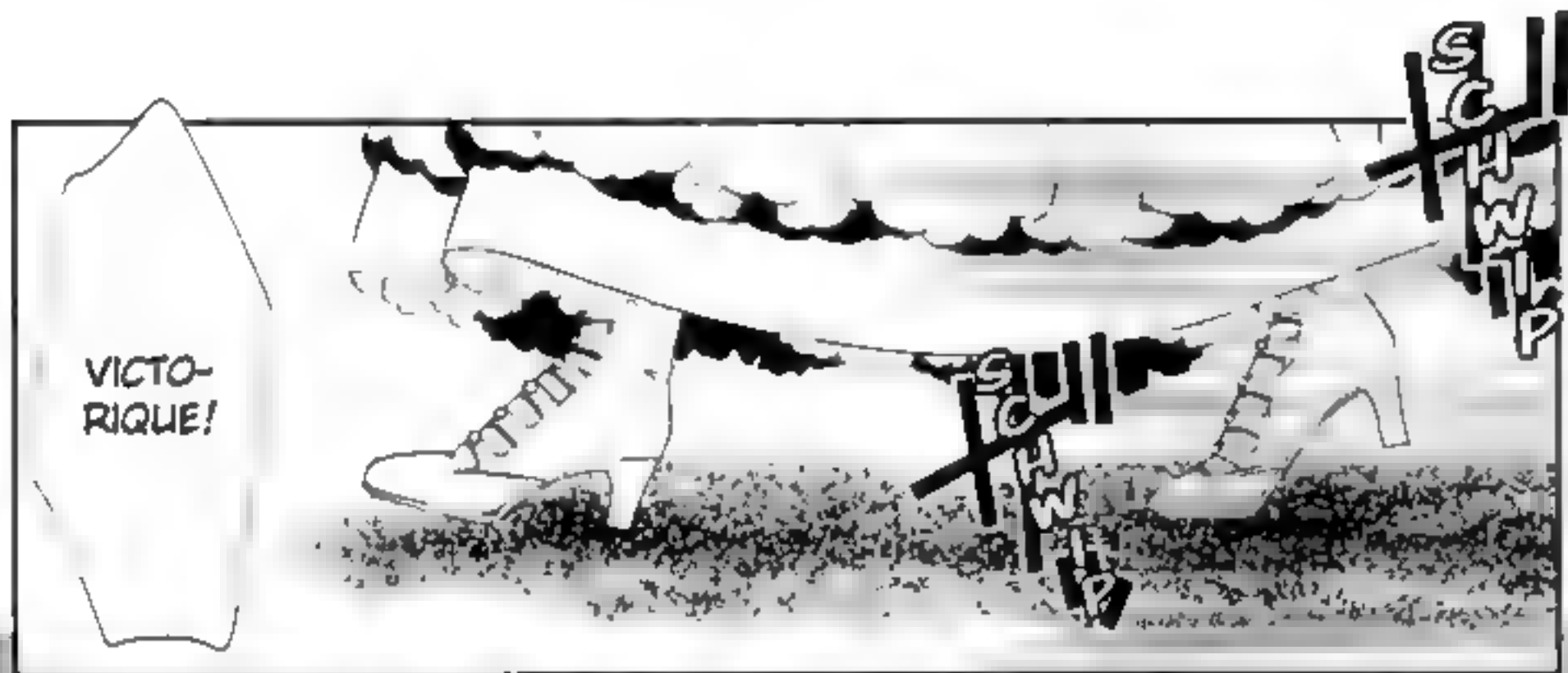


WHAT DO
THESE
FRAGMENTS
MEAN?

BUT IN THIS
PICTURE...
SHE IS
ALREADY
AN ADULT.

IF THAT
CHILD SHE'S
HOLDING IN
HER ARMS IS
ME, THEN
THIS PICTURE
WAS TAKEN
ABOUT 10
YEARS AGO.

WHERE
IS THIS
CHAOS
POINTING
TO?








...IT'S
THE GRAVE
OF THE
MURDERED
VILLAGE
LEADER!





HIDDEN BY
THE SOIL
IT'S CLEARLY
WRITTEN
EVEN
THOUGH
I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND IT.

Je ne suis
pas un criminel

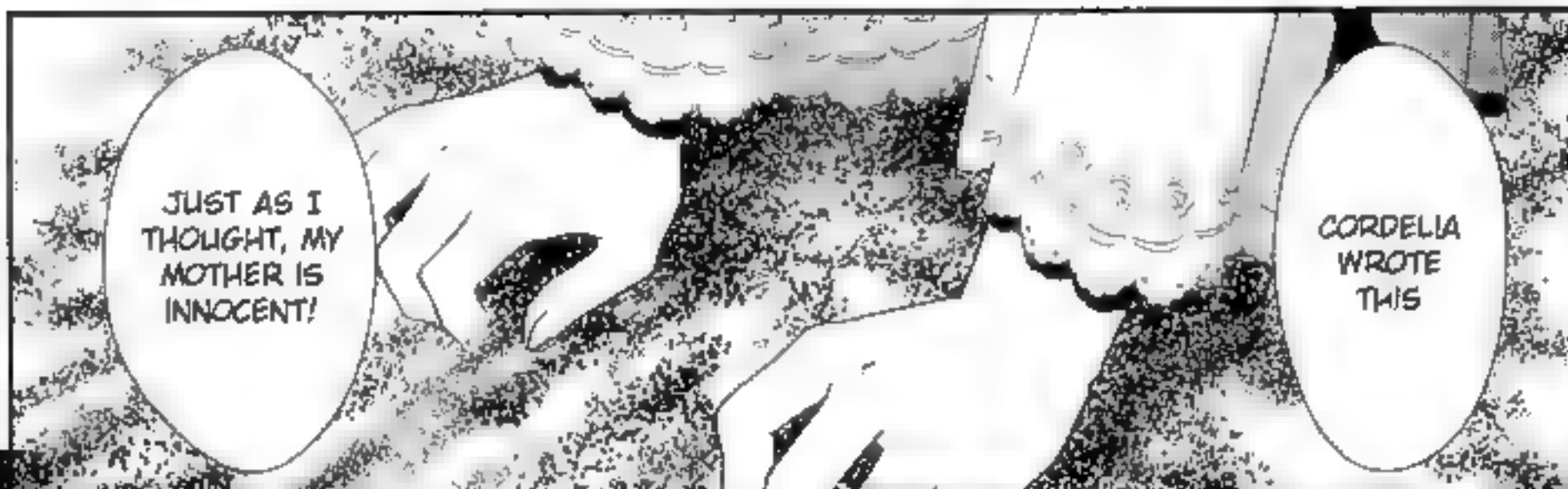
LETTER
ENGRAVED
WITH
TREMBLING
HANDS

Je ne suis
pas un criminel

I AM NOT A
CRIMINAL

Je ne suis
pas un criminel

.....
!



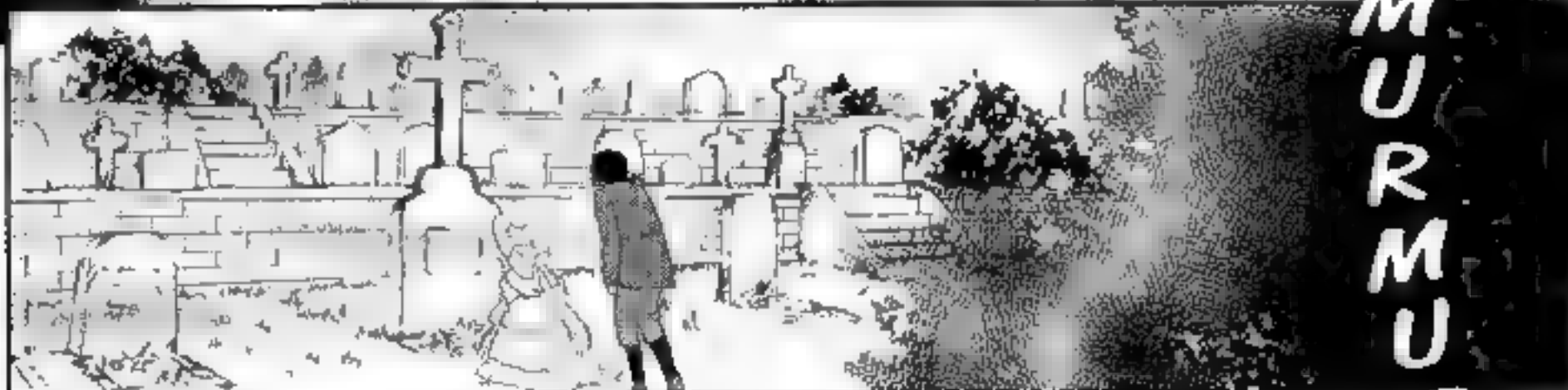
JUST AS I
THOUGHT, MY
MOTHER IS
INNOCENT!

CORDELIA
WROTE
THIS



.....
THEN,
WHO IS
THE REAL
CRIMINAL?

COULD
THEY STILL
BE IN THE
VILLAGE?



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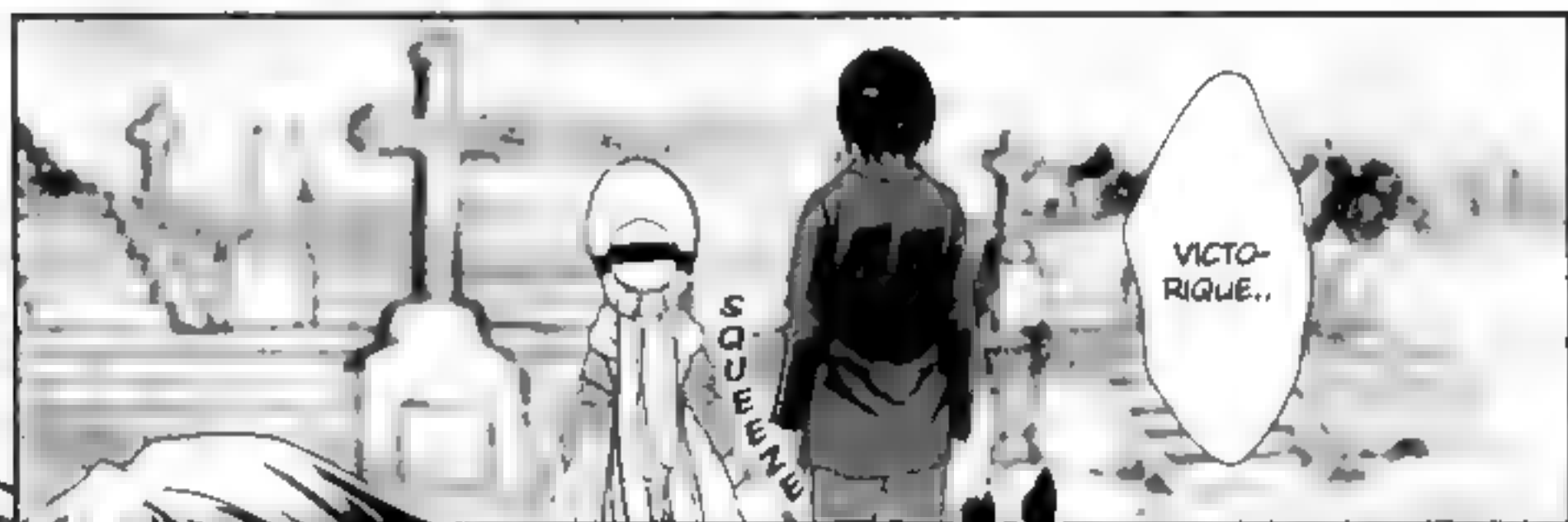
...WHAT
IS THAT
SMELL?

SNOOB

THE SMELL
OF A GREAT
NUMBER OF
BEASTS

THE
SMELL
OF A GREAT
NUMBER OF
BEASTS...

THE
SMELL
OF A GREAT
NUMBER OF
BEASTS



VICTO-
RIQUE..

D
A
S
K

RUN!!

P
A
T
S

P
A
T
S





OPEN









I WAS SURE
THAT YOU TWO
WERE STILL IN THE
ROOM. WHERE
DID YOU GO?

EH?
HMM...



I...
I'M
SORRY

DON'T
ABSENT-
MINEDLY
WALK
AROUND!



WHO ARE
YOU? U



MILDRED-
SAN!?

YOU
DON'T
KNOW?
HERE!

CURTAIN





YEAH, THE
ASSISTANT
SAID SO.

SEE FOR
YOURSELF,
THE RADIO
HERE IS CON-
NECTED.



**YOU'VE GOT
ELECTRICITY
CONNECTED!?**

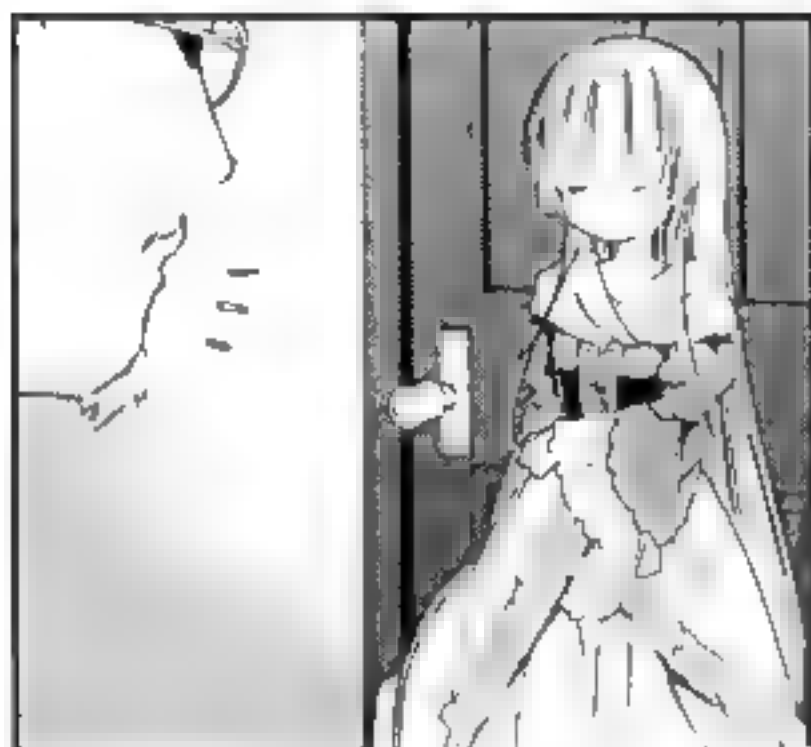


...JUST
AS I
THOUGHT.



WHY
DOES THIS
ISOLATED
HINTERLAND
VILLAGE HAVE
ELECTRICITY
FROM THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD?

BUT...
THIS IS
STRANGE



THIS
IS A
SIGHT-
SEEING
AREA
AFTER
ALL.

WE'RE
IN THE
SWISS
MOUNTAINS,
SO WE NEED
TO GET
ELECTRICITY
TO COME
HERE,
RIGHT?



THIS
WOMAN MAY
KNOW THAT
ELECTRICITY IS
CONNECTED
AND TRAVELS,
HOWEVER



TO
THINK
ABOUT IT
BEFORE
YOU
SEE IT

DO YOU
THINK IT
WOULD BE
PRACTICAL?
EVERYTHING IN
YOUR WAY OF
LIFE IS SELF-
SUFFICIENT WITH-
OUT CONTACT FROM
THE OUTSIDE
WORLD.



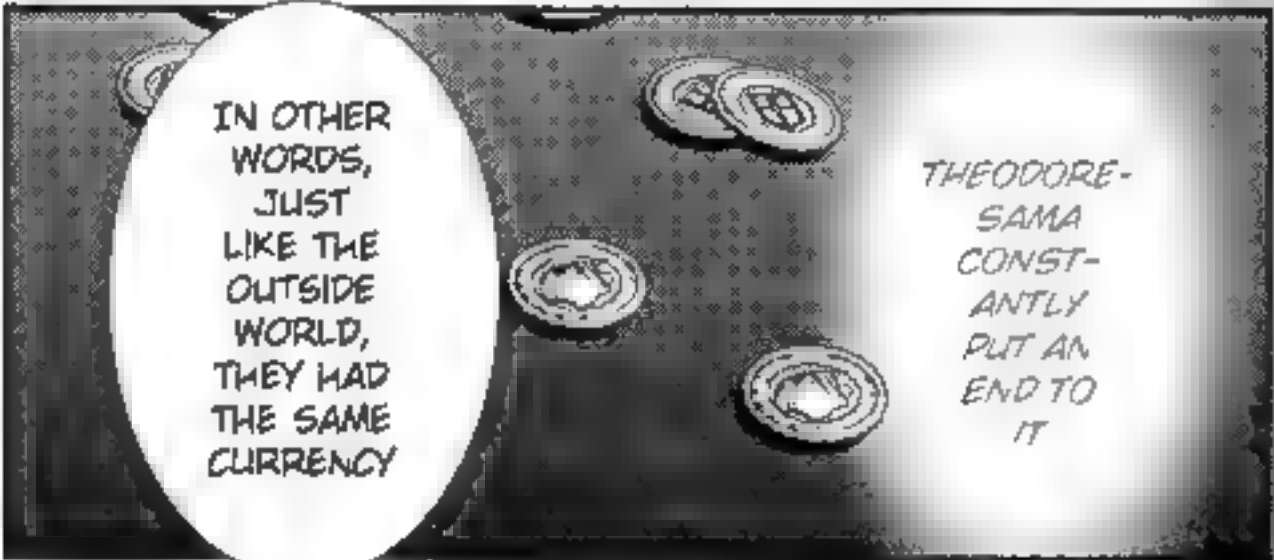
...THE
UNCLEAR
PART IS



THIS
VILLAGE
HAS NO
USE FOR
GOLD
COINS

AND ON
TOP OF
THAT,
SERGIUS
SAID SO
HIMSELF.

WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING TO
DO WITH
IRON?



IN OTHER
WORDS,
JUST
LIKE THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD,
THEY HAD
THE SAME
CURRENCY

THEODORE-
SAMA
CONST-
ANTLY
PUT AN
END TO
IT

AND
BLACK
TEA
LEAVES
AND
WINE?



THEY HAD
A DEGREE
OF CONTACT
WITH THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD

EVEN
THOUGH THE
VILLAGERS
JUST ABOUT
NEVER SET
FOOT OUTSIDE
OF HERE, THE
VILLAGE LEADER
WOULD AT
LEAST HAVE
KNOWLEDGE
AND NEWS.

EVERYTHING
IS MADE
WITHIN THE
VILLAGE
ISN'T IT? IT'S
POINTLESS.



AHH! AS
REGARDS TO
THAT, THERE'S
A SPONSOR

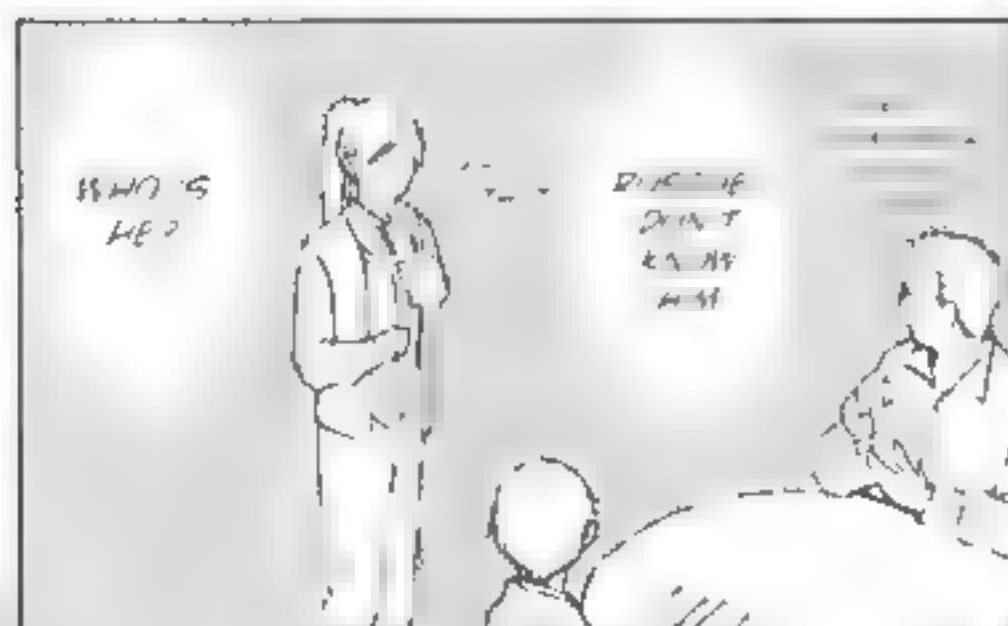
WHERE
DID THAT
KIND OF
MONEY
COME
FROM

...BUT TO
SET UP ELECTRICITY
IN THESE MOUNTAIN
RECESSES WOULD
REQUIRE QUITE A
SUM OF CAPITAL,
WOULDN'T IT?



DO YOU
GUYS
PERHAPS
KNOW
BRAN
RIS'IE-
SAN?

WAAA IF
I RECALL
HIS NAME
WAS...



WHO'S
HE?

WELL IF
DON'T
KNOW
HIM




.. SPON-
SOR?

1. YEARS
AGO HE
S THE
ONE WHO
LEFT THIS
VILLAGE
AND SET UP
ELECTRICITY

I DON'T
KNOW THE
LEFTS AND
RIGHTS BUT
HE WAS
STAYING
HE WAS AN
EXTREMELY
WEALTHY
PERSON

IT SEEMS
THAT HE S THE
DESCENDANT
OF SOMEONE
THAT LEFT THIS
VILLAGE A LONG
TIME AGO





IT'S A MYSTERY, WHY WOULD THESE GUYS CALL UPON A DESCENDANT FROM THE NEWSPAPER...



...I SEE




AND THEY SEARCHED THIS BRIAN ROSCOE GUY FOR HIS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

I DARESAY THEY USED THE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL AS AN EXCUSE TO CALL UPON A DESCENDANT.



EH!? ARE YOU RICH?

SQUEAL

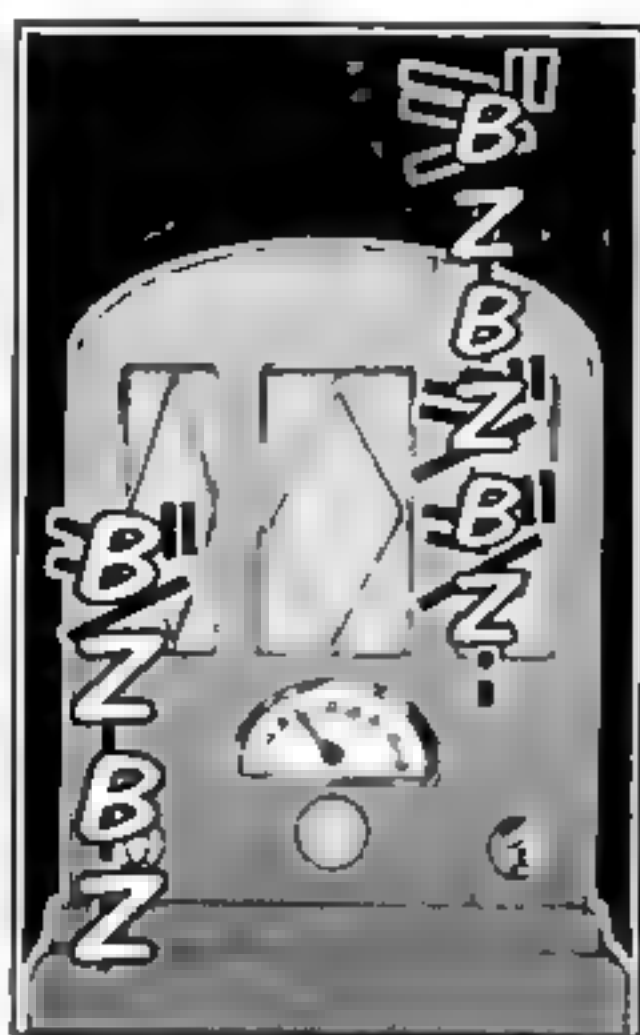
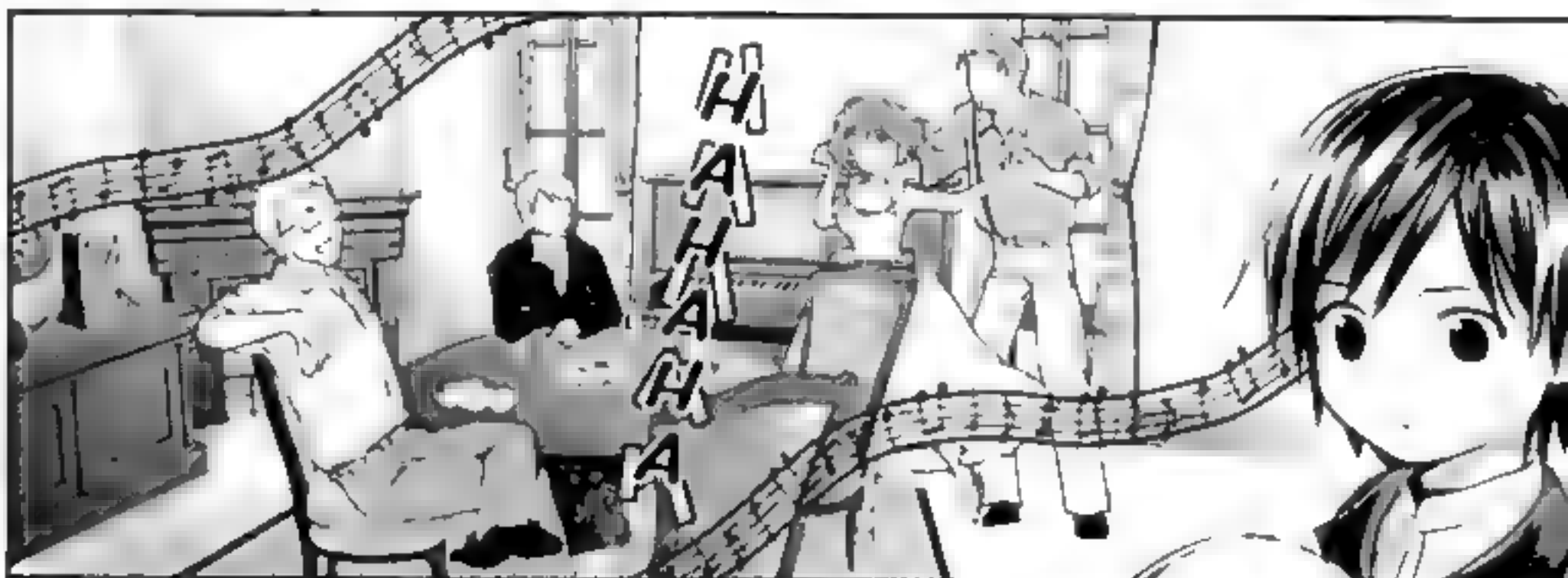


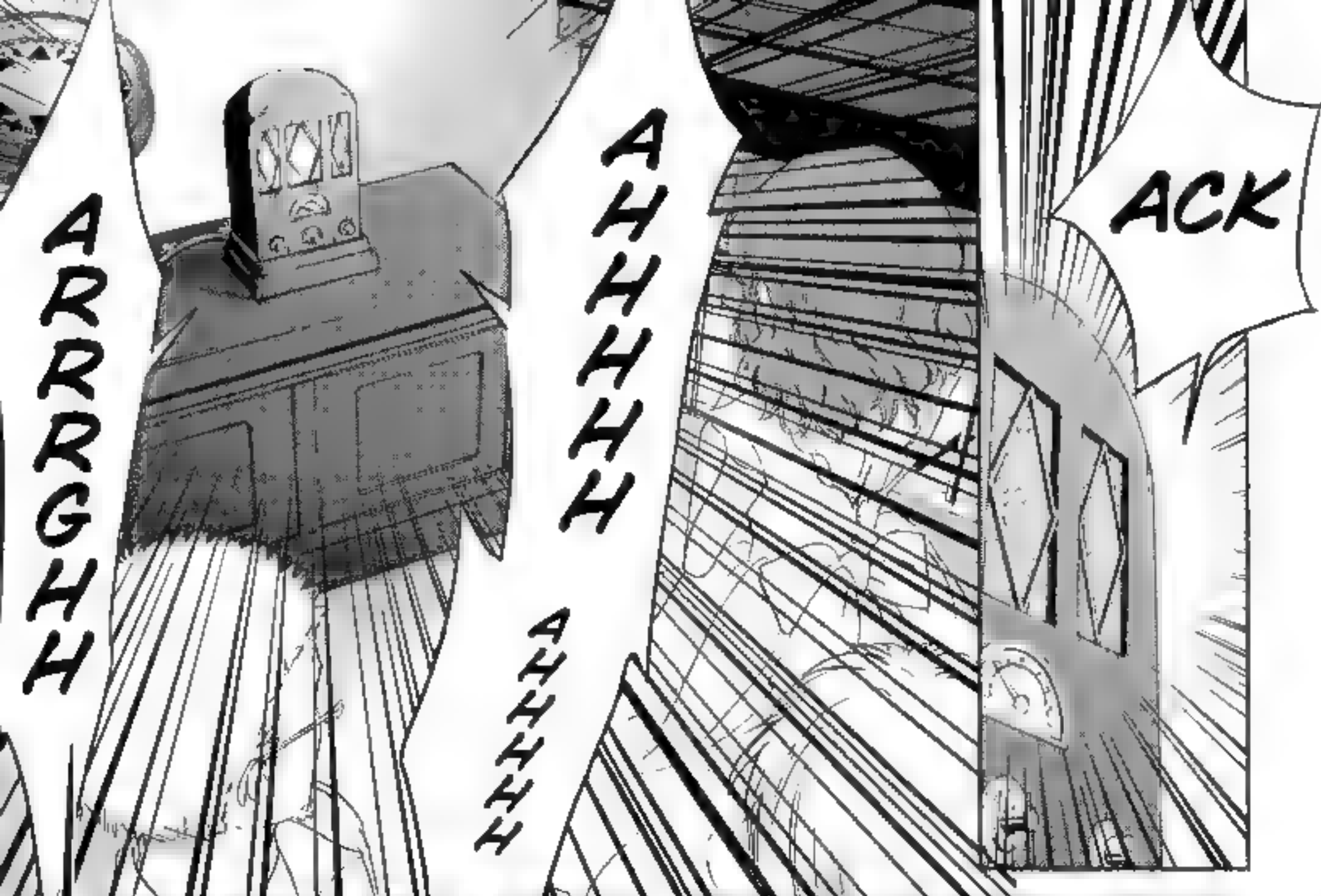
. DE BLOIS? SO YOU'VE GOT THE BLOOD OF NOBILITY MIXED IN YOU

FOR THAT SAME REASON, EVEN THOUGH I'M A CRIMINAL, I'VE BEEN USHERED IN

BECAUSE I'M A NOBLEMAN'S DAUGHTER...







AAAAA
HHHHH

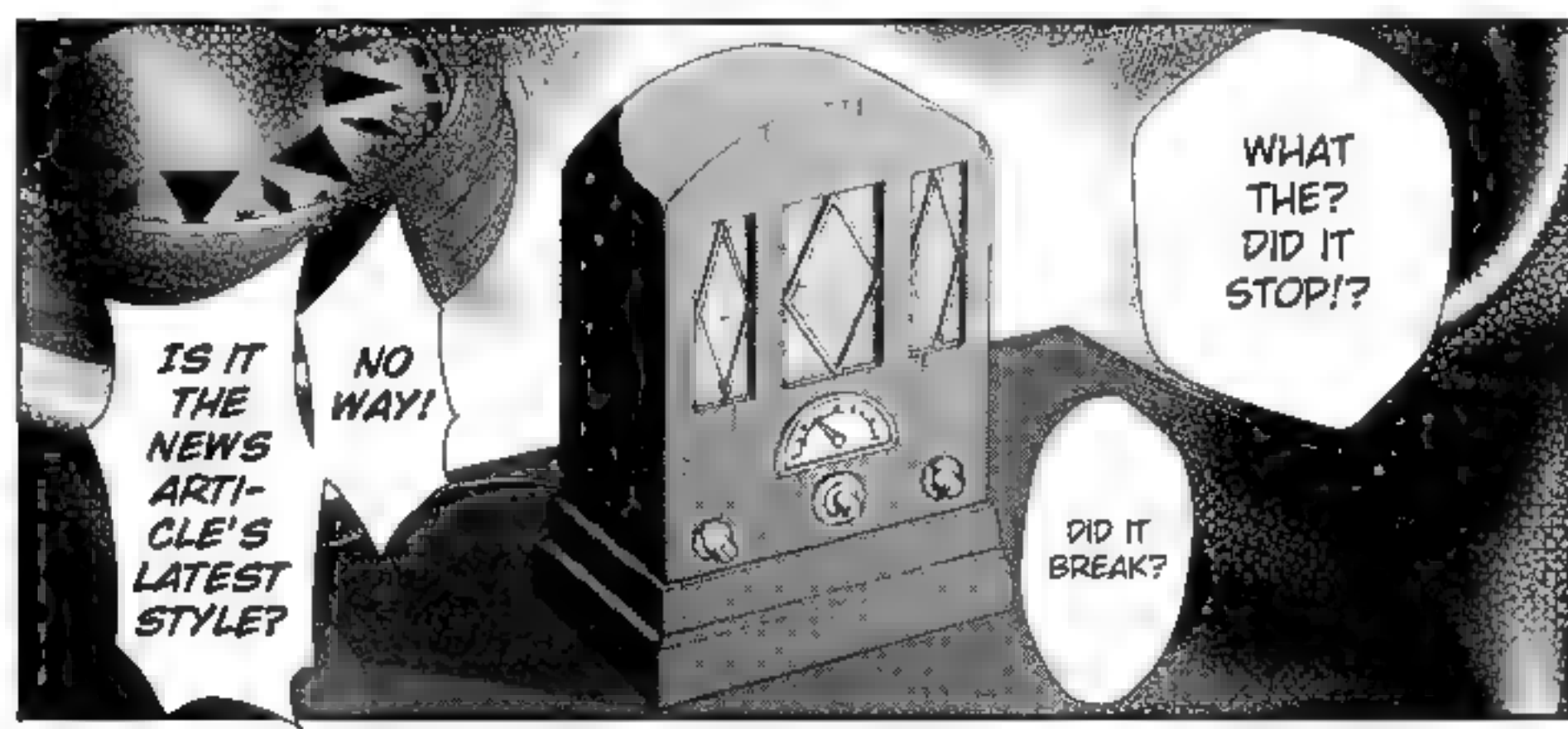
AAAAA
HHHHH

TTTTA

ACK



BLEGH



IS IT
THE
NEWS
ARTI-
CLE'S
LATEST
STYLE?

NO
WAY!

WHAT
THE?
DID IT
STOP!?

DID IT
BREAK?



VICTORIQUE...
TONIGHT WE
WILL HAVE
BEEN AWAY
FOR ABOUT
TWO EVENINGS
FROM SCHOOL

THERE WOULD
BE AN UPROAR
BY NOW.

CRUNCH



BEFORE
THAT, IF MY
FATHER
AND OLDER
BROTHER
KNEW!!

FOR HAVING
SNUICK OUT
OF SCHOOL,
WALKING TO
THIS PLACE AND
STAYING OVER.
WHAT WOULD MY
MOM THINK,
I WONDER...

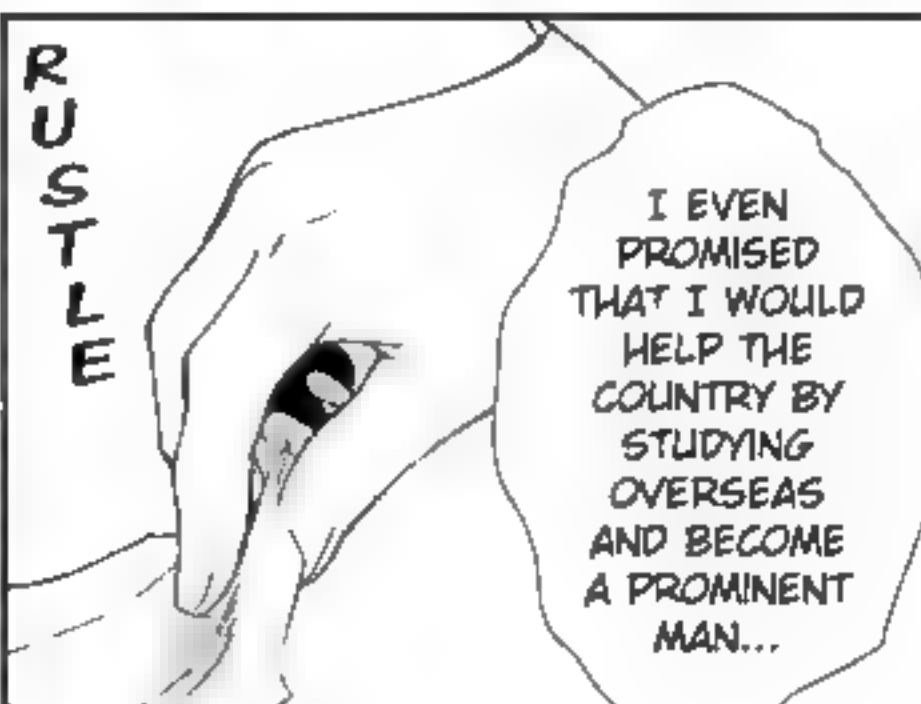
A
A
H
H

TOSS

TOSS



DROPS



RUSTLE

I EVEN
PROMISED
THAT I WOULD
HELP THE
COUNTRY BY
STUDYING
OVERSEAS
AND BECOME
A PROMINENT
MAN...



THROW
AWAY



IS THAT
ALL?

THEY WOULD
PROBABLY
THINK "YOU
HAVE A
HABIT OF
POORLY
DISPOSING
TRASH"

HEY!
DON'T YOU
THINK OF WHAT
PEOPLE WILL
SAY ABOUT YOU
THROWING
THINGS AWAY BY
SCATTERING
THEM AROUND
UNTIDILY?



DROPS

GEEZ,
I'M MAD
NOW!
PICK THE
REST UP
YOURSELF





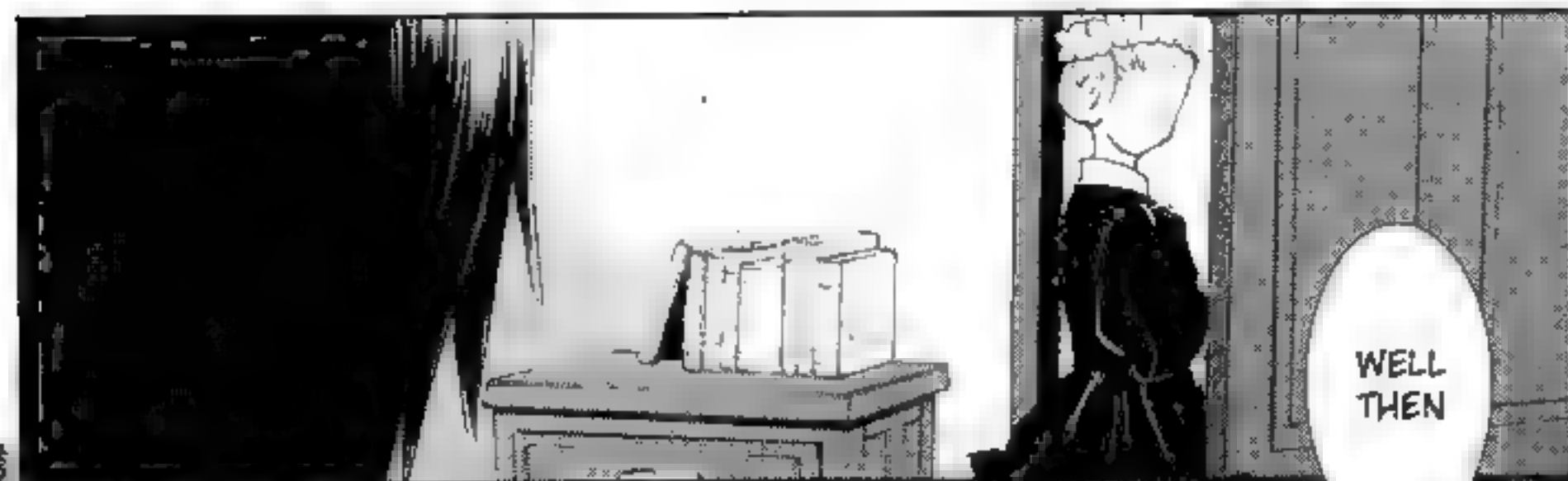
N...NOTHING.
AN INSECT
GOT INTO THE
WATER, I'LL
HAVE TO
REPLACE IT
LATER



**S
Q
U
E
A
K**

A vertical sound effect consisting of the letters S, Q, U, E, A, K stacked vertically, indicating a creaking sound.









I'M
READY
TO TAKE
A BATH.

ノック
ノック
ノック

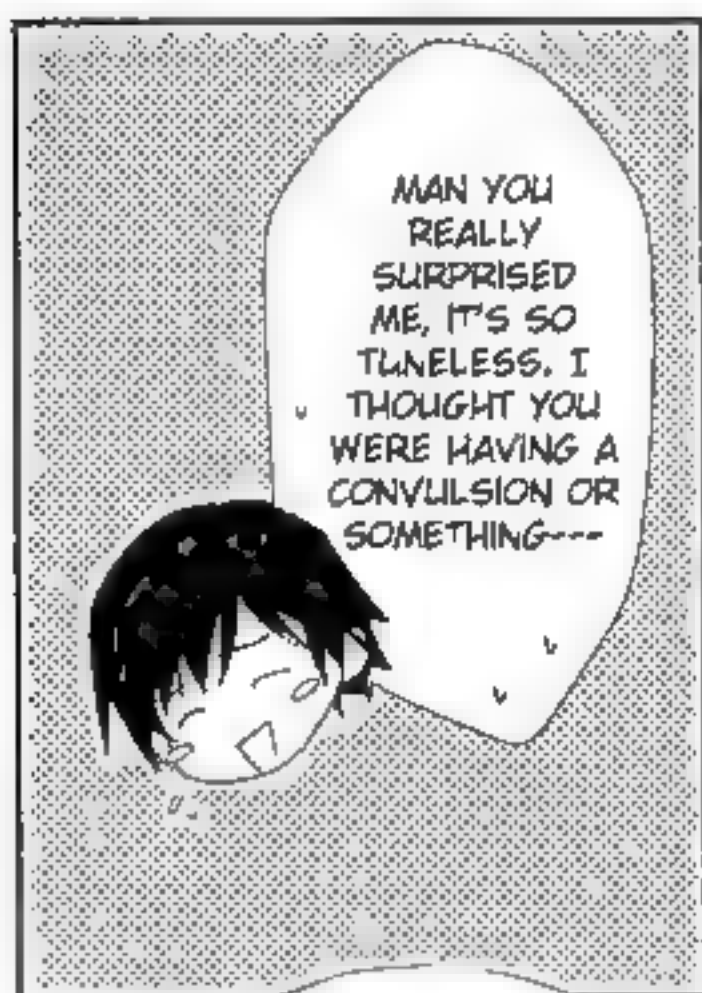


I'M
RIGHT
BEHIND THE
DOOR SO IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS,
JUST CALL
OUT.



VICTO-
RIQUE?







IT'S OK,
SING!

EEH?
N..NO
WAY

SHES
SALDS



RAVENS
ARE--
WILD--

...RA--
VEN--
WHY DO--
YOU SING



MAN---



SIGH

BLOWING
BUBBLES

AND--
BEAU--TIFUL
IN THEIR--
ARCHAIC ----
SUMMER
ELE---GANCE



WITH
ALL
THAT
I MET
YOU

I WANT
TO GO AND
SEE THE
FORMER
HOMES
OF THE
MOUNTAIN

FOR THE
PURSUIT
OF AN
EDUCATION,
AND I WENT
TO STUDY
ABROAD

A BEAUTIFUL,
BEAUTIFUL
RAVEN SINGS,
SINGS SO
BEAUTIFULLY



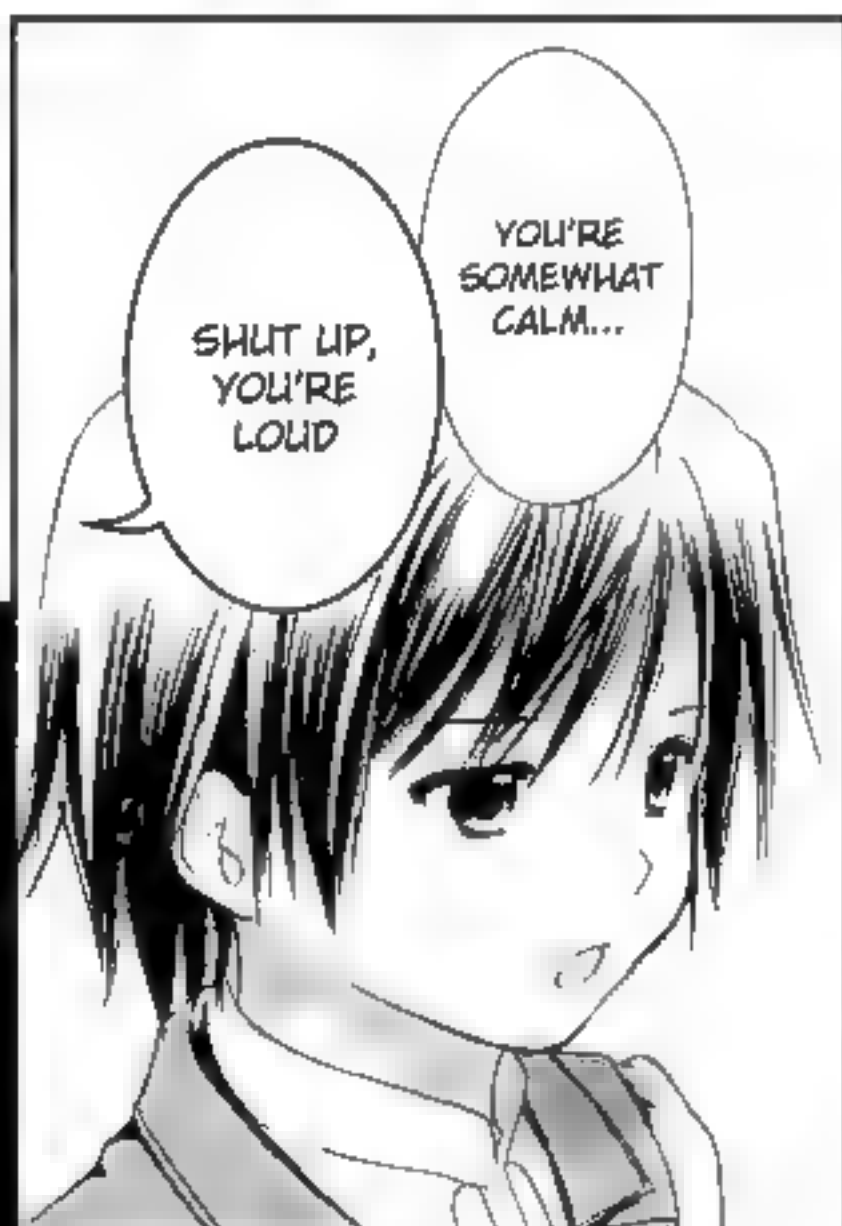
I WANT
TO LOOK
AROUND

WHEN I
LEFT MY
HOME TOWN,
I CROSSED
THE OCEAN..



HUMPH

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
ASKED
ME TO
SING!!



SHUT UP,
YOU'RE
LOUD

YOU'RE
SOMEWHAT
CALM...





LET'S
GET BACK
TO SCHOOL
AS QUICKLY
AS WE CAN

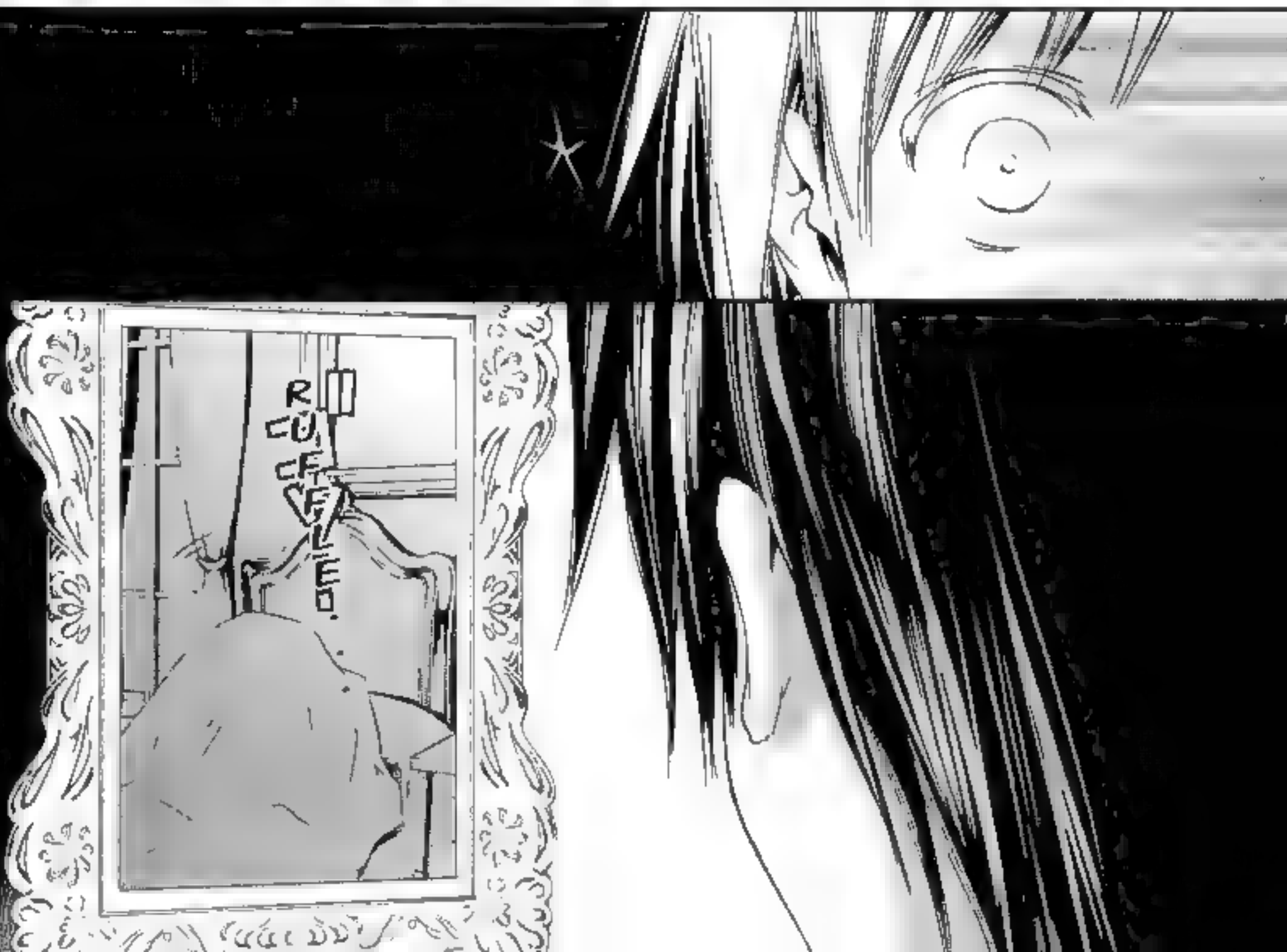


VICTO-
RIQUE...

I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT YOU



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THIS TOWN,
AND WOLVES
APPEARED....



RUMBLE



IS
THERE
SOMEONE
IN THE
BED!?

W
H
A
M



S
T
I
R
S

NO!!

SOMETHING
MOVED,
BUT IT WAS
JUST IN THE
MIRROR!!



A
A
A
H
H
H



SHUDDER

WHAT IS WITH THIS VILLAGE!!

VI....

VICTORIQUE!!

...to be continued.

GOthic
ゴシック

~Twitter~
"I will ReTweet 30 times
within 50 minutes so, could you
please draw Victorique in an apron
and show us the sketch!"

"Moe Moe
Janken"? I..I
can't do
something
that I don't
know how
to do right!"

What's
this, you've
come again
Master..
Hmmm
well I've
got some
free time



The anime is being made in January, look forward to it lots (*´v´) AMANO Sakuya